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IN ANNUAL TREK TO CEMETERIES

Public visits deceased loved ones

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As is the annual tradition, the various cemeteries in the CNMI drew most of everyone yesterday for the All Saints' Day observance, with family members visiting, cleaning up, and decorating the graves of deceased loved ones.

Many adorned the graves with bouquets and lit candles and offered prayers while spending the day at the cemeteries.

The same traditions will be observed today, All Souls' Day. In some Catholic cemeteries, a Mass will be held.

Many families who gathered at the island's many cemeteries turned the day into some sort of celebration, coming together and bringing food to share with one another while reminiscing and praying for their dear departed.

For some, the occasion has also become a family reunion of sorts.

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The graves that populate the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi are adorned with wreaths yesterday as part of the observance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day today.

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Remains to be autopsied

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» Sources say DPS tracking dog played significant role in finding Taitano's body

An autopsy will be done on the remains of both Joan L. Taitano and stabbing victim Josephina Pineda, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Sources disclosed that Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola will conduct the autopsy on Taitano and Pineda at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue this Saturday to establish the causes of their deaths.

Taitano, 37, was found dead by search teams at the bottom of a

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2 men get 15-year prison terms for sex abuse

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A man who sexually abused a 6-year-old girl was sentenced Tuesday to 15 years in prison, while another man met the same fate last Friday for sexually abusing a 7-year-old girl.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja sentenced 43-year-old Joseph Mar Katmag Tuesday to 20 years imprisonment, all suspended except for 15 years, for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

On Friday, Naraja sentenced 33-year-old Nathan Iano Narcis to 15

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'Bill does not comport with settlement'

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» Senate passed the legislative initiative in mid-July

A Senate legislative initiative that seeks to bend the rules to allow retirees to be re-employed in certain professions is not compliant with the Settlement Agreement that binds the pensions of retirees, according to the Settlement Fund trustee.

Lawyer Joyce Tang said that Senate Legislative Initiative 20-01, or SLI 20-01, which was offered by Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), does not comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

SLI 20-01, which unanimously passed the Senate in mid-July, wants to amend the CNMI Constitution to allow retirees to be re-employed as classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals for an unlimited time without losing their pensions. This is referred to as "double dipping" since they will receive

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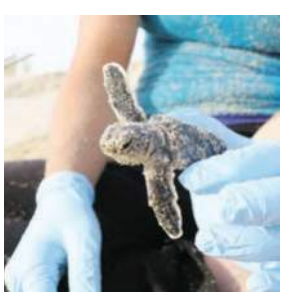

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Local

BECQ's Benavente is certified for erosion control

Environmental engineer James Benavente of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality was recently certified for erosion and sediments control, further buttressing efforts to regulate earthmoving activities in the CNMI.

"BECQ is proud to share in Mr. Benavente's accomplishment in becoming a certified professional in erosion and sediments control," said Ray Masga, director of Environmental Quality. "This increased skill set will benefit the rest of our team."

Erosion and sediments control encompasses several earthmoving activities, which include anything that disturbs or alters the surface of the land, a coral reef, the bottom of a lagoon, or ocean floor, including but not limited to excavations, dredging, embankments, land reclamation in a lagoon, land development, subdivision development, mineral extraction, ocean disposal and the moving, depositing or storing of soil, rock, coral, earth or sand mining.

"This is an enormous undertaking that requires advanced knowledge to ensure the protection of the environment and preservation of resources and we are more than confident in our team's abilities," Masga said.

He said that BECQ's ongoing trainings build capacity for the agency and strengthens their roles in carrying out the mission to protect public health and the island environment much more effectively.

Earthmoving and erosion control program is responsible for establishing certain minimum standards and requirements as determined by DEQ necessary for controlling nonpoint source runoff from human related activities, such as land clearing.

Early last month, Janice Castro, acting director for Coastal Resources Management, discussed non-point source pollution and training on low volume roads, a concern worsened by heavy rainfall and man-made pollutants carried to coastal areas by runoff.

"We want to reiterate that erosion and sediment control is an ongoing concern and we continue to address this challenge with trainings in assessing road design and maintenance opportunities in the field. Along with interagency collaboration, we can continue the momentum to identify and address low volume road management challenges moving forward," Castro said.

Benavente noted that erosion controls are methods or measures used to minimize erosion, runoff and sedimentation.

"When silt and particles end up in the ocean, they affect our coral reef, and our job is to minimize impact as much as possible.

"Every time you kill off vegetation, you expose these areas to erosion and most of our storm water is discharged into the ocean, so being knowledgeable in sediment control will definitely help with prevention.

"In fact, through the one-start permitting process, when a developer proposes a sound, environmentally-responsible design, erosion and sediments control can actually be enhanced.

"In terms of soil erosion, which is an important social and economic problem and an essential factor in assessing ecosystem health and function, estimates of erosion are essential to issues of land and water management, including sediment transport and storage in lowlands, reservoirs, and most especially our precious lagoon," Benavente said, adding that at the end of the day, these resources must be protected.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that improvement of methods and management practices is necessary to increase the standards of achieving water quality protection, preventing accelerated stream channels, preventing erosion, reducing flooding threats, and preserving sensitive habitats.

"I commend BECQ for building on regulatory knowledge to protect our natural resources. I am very proud to see that we have a knowledgeable engineer on board who has taken the next step to become certified in erosion and sediments control. The knowledge held by our team will go a long way in safeguarding our resources.

"Safeguarding will require ongoing improvement and adoption of best practices that can used by our engineers, plan reviewers and the community. Implementation and enforcement is only as successful as our understanding of environmental and coastal limitations and the impact of human activity.

"I thank Mr. Benavente and the entire division for their foresight which will definitely benefit and improve our Inter-Agency One-Start Earthmoving and Erosion Control permitting process," Torres said.

The Division of Environmental Quality Wastewater, Earthmoving and Erosion Control branch protects public health and the environment by minimizing negative impacts to CNMI soil surface and groundwater resources through enforcement of local and federal environmental regulations. This branch is responsible for controlling runoff from human-related activities, ensuring proper design, construction and application of approved on-site wastewater disposal systems, responding to complaints on illegal or unpermitted land clearing, issuing notices of violations and administrative orders and promoting public education and awareness. ***(PR)***

PH consulate to hold NMI outreach

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, will conduct a mobile consular outreach in the CNMI from Nov. 13 to 17, 2017 (Monday to Friday) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 9am to 6pm.

Those who wish to renew their passport may submit their application at the Finasisu Terraces, Apartment Building D, second floor (top of the Mini-Mart Store), Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (12pm to 1pm, break time).

For any inquiry about passport renewal, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. ***(PR)***

OAG successful at the US Supreme Court

Attorney General Edward Manibusan announced yesterday that the Office of the Attorney General was successful in its victory in *Ramsey v. Muna et al* at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Ninth Circuit had ruled in *Ramsey vs Muña et al* that the Commonwealth is entitled to sovereign immunity in federal courts from claims arising under the Commonwealth's own laws.

Manibusan said: "Sovereign immunity is the concept that a sovereign government can only be sued with its consent. The U.S. Supreme Court's denial of Ramsey's petition is an important victory as it upholds the Ninth Circuit's decision placing the Commonwealth on par with all other states and territories of the union who cannot be hauled into federal court to answer for claims based upon their own laws without their consent."

Gary Ramsey, a physician, had sued the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., seeking damages and injunctive relief after being denied admitting privileges.

After his loss in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Ramsey submitted a petition for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court, in hopes of having the Ninth Circuit decision overturned.

The Office of the Attorney General in turn submitted with the Supreme Court a brief in opposition. On Oct. 30, 2017, the OAG's brief in opposition was favorably taken and Ramsey's petition was formally denied, making the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity certain in federal cases arising out of Commonwealth law. ***(PR)***

Revived *Kantan Isla* is rescheduled

The Kantan Isla Music Festival that was originally set for the end of September has been moved to Nov. 17.

The festival has been in hiatus after logging over 13 years. The Commonwealth Council of Culture and Arts, under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, is determined to revive it this year.

According to CCA executive director Parker Yobei, the event was postponed in September due to the many events in October but the council is still determined to revive it.

"We postponed it to November because of all the activities going on in October and we didn't want to so it in the same month," he said.

Yobei said the event will showcase original music in the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian languages.

The event aims to motivate the youth to embrace the indigenous languages. "It was initiated to encourage the kids to continue writing songs in their own language," Yobei said.

And it's not just motivating the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians. It also seeks to encourage other ethnic groups to play their original songs in their own language.

According to Yobei, folk art coordinator Gloriana Teuira has already started to finalize the program for the event.

Yobei said there would be a raffle drawing and incentives for participating individuals.

Local artists will also be provided space to sell their CDs and promote their music.

Ten vendor slots are also open for non-profit organizations, families, and churches that want to raise funds. The council will be providing tents but a $25 park and recreation fee is required.

The Kantan Isla Music Festival would be held on Nov. 17 at the Garapan Fishing Base, from 5pm to 11pm. For additional information, call CCA at 322-9982. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

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6 vying for 4 board seats in Chamber polls today

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly general meeting today at 11:30am at the SandCastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan and one item on the agenda is the board election to fill up four vacancies for the director positions. This is in line with the Chamber's bylaws that require election for new directors should be conducted every November.

There are six nominees vying for four available director positions. The candidates are Joe Ayuyu Jr., Perry Inos, Michael S. Johnson, Velma Palacios, Alex Sablan, and Janel V. Pangelinan.

Ayuyu

Ayuyu is the general manager of McDonald's Middle Road on Saipan. He is a 2013 graduate of Miami University of Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in Business (concentration in Economics). He currently serves as a board member for the Saipan Zoning board and is a graduate of the 2016 Class of the Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter.

Inos

Inos is the operations manager of Triple J since 2015. He graduated from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is currently enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University, pursing his master's in Finance and Accounting. Inos is a member of the Rotary Club of Saipan and a member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce

Palacios

Current Chamber president Palacios is the director of Network Operations at IT&E. Palacios graduated from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a bachelor's degree in Engineering. She also graduated from Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii, with an MBA.

Prior to joining IT&E, Palacios was employed by the CNMI government as an engineer. She also taught math at Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education Program.

Johnson

Johnson is a managing partner of Deloitte & Touche on Saipan. Johnson holds a master's in Business Administration and bachelor's at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is a certified public accountant. Johnson was selected by Bishop Tomas A. Camacho to serve on the financial advisory committee of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, is a past chairman of the CNMI Board of Accountancy, and a past treasurer of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Sablan

Sablan is a vice president of TanHoldings Corp. and has been involved with the Chamber for nearly 20 years. Sablan was the Chamber representative for the regional Exclusive Economic Zone forum and has served as chairman of both the Government Relations and Economic Development Committee and the Events Committee.

Pangelinan

Pangelinan is a claims processor at Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. and a co-chair of the Events Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. She graduated from Northern Marianas College in 2011. She was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society where she was also named as an officer. For the duration of her studies at NMC, she worked at the Adult Basic Education department as a tutor. Pangelinan was named the 2016 Saipan Young Professional of the Year.

REMAINS

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200-foot cliff near the radar building in Marpi on Tuesday morning. She had been missing since last Thursday, and her car was found locked by the radar building on Monday.

Pineda, 53, was allegedly fatally stabbed by Alfonso Sebastian Parongan with a kitchen knife outside Parongan's home along Texas Road, Chalan Kanoa, on Sunday night.

Pineda's husband, Antonio Barrit, 62, sustained several injuries after Parongan allegedly chased him and stabbed him. Parongan was arrested that same night.

In Taitano's case, sources said that Department of Public Safety investigators want to know what killed her as the injuries on her body were consistent with theories that she jumped, was pushed, or fell from the cliff.

Taitano's body had to be hoisted up by the rescuers, as there was no other way to walk up to where her body was found at the bottom of the Marpi cliffline, sources said.

Sources said the DPS K-9 dog played a "very significant role" in finding Taitano as it led the rescuers to the most likely point where search teams could do their search. Although primarily trained to sniff drugs and explosives, the dog is also reportedly trained as a tracker.

Acting DPS spokesman Lt. Jason Tarkong said on Tuesday that after Taitano's car was found, rescuers brought in the K-9 dog to the radar building area. From the car, the dog "lost" her scent at the top of the cliff, Tarkong said.

A relative reported to police on Sunday that Taitano was last seen Thursday night at her house in Dandan.

Taitano chaired the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program advisory council and was vice chair of the State Behavioral Health Council. She also served as a board member of the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. She worked briefly as a reporter for the *Saipan Tribune*.

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According to Joe Torres, he has been visiting his mother and father's graves at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery for over a decade and every year, the entire family gathers.

"This is the day everyone comes. Today, we all come together because this is like our picnic day once a year," he said.

Torres never misses this special day, going as far as closing his entire air-conditioning and refrigeration business. "This is their day, it's a special day, I closed my business for this occasion."

The day is significant not only because one gets to celebrate it with loved ones, but it also serves as a means of strengthening the family bond, Torres said.

Since he visits his parents' graves daily and cleans it weekly, he hadn't had much to do to prepare for the occasion. All that's left is for other family members to lay their flowers on the graves.

Darlene Terry, who came to honor her deceased husband, said that visiting his grave has helped her cope with her loss. Her husband died over a year ago.

Terry started preparing for All Saints' Day as early as the second week of October.

"Everything is finished, all we have to do is just come and attend the rosary and then wait for the Mass," said Terry. "I feel good being here."

The Chalan Kanoa cemetery is only one of the many burial sites on Saipan that are visited on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. With the CNMI being predominantly Catholic, both days are spent visiting deceased loved ones.

SEX ABUSE

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years and six months imprisonment, all suspended except for 15 years, with the possibility of parole, for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Katmag was ordered to spend the 15 years without the possibility of parole; he was given credit for time served. After completing the prison term, he will be placed on 10 years of probation.

Narcis was given credit for time served. After completing the prison term, he will be placed on 10 years of probation.

Katmag and Narcis were required to pay all court costs and fees and register in the CNMI Sex Offender Registry, among other conditions, during their probation.

Katmag pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, while Narcis pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

As part of the plea deals, the Office of the Attorney General dropped the remaining charges against the two.

Katmag sexually abused a 6-year-old girl between Dec 1, 2016, and May 27, 2017, on Saipan.

Narcis sexually abused a 7-year-old girl on May 21, 2016, on Rota.

In Narcis' case, assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio recommended a maximum sentence of 15 years and six months, without the possibility of parole.

Tenorio noted that Narcis is a known sexual predator and a registered sex offender.

In this case, the prosecutor said Narcis sexually abused the girl twice. If the court sentences Narcis harshly, it will send a message to all sex offenders and deter other potential predators, Tenorio said.

Assistant public defender Shoshanah Epstein, counsel for Narcis, recommended a five-year prison term and 10 years of probation.

Epstein said Narcis is a young man who was addicted to both oxycodone and methamphetamine at the time of the incident.

Epstein said on the day of the incident, the defendant had smoked "ice," taken multiple oxycodone pills, and smoked marijuana.

To reduce any chance of future criminal behavior, Narcis anticipates living alone on family land as a farmer, she said.

"He plans to avoid the villages entirely to the extent possible, to grow his own food, and to live a simple and sustainable life off the grid and away from society," Epstein said.

Katmag was arrested in May 2017 after the Division of Youth Services staff received an anonymous call that he sexually abused a 6-year-old girl.

Rota police arrested Narcis on May 21, 2016, after the girl's mother filed a complaint of child molestation against Narcis. The mother learned of the incident after the girl told her that Lizama touched her privates.

Narcis is a registered sex offender. He was convicted of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree in 2008. As a sex offender, Narcis is prohibited to be anywhere with minors. At the time he was arrested, Narcis was employed as a community worker at the Rota Municipal Council.

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both their pension and salaries from their jobs.

Right now, the CNMI Constitution only allows retirees that are re-employed in these professions to "double dip" for at most two years. After that, they will lose their retirement benefits as they are considered employed.

Tang's Oct. 31, 2017 comments on the legislative initiative, which was addressed to House Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations chair Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), said that SLI 20-01 does not comport, or conform, with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Commonwealth government that was entered back in 2013.

Tang said that SLI 20-01 "attempts to change the benefits received by a retiree returning to government service," in contravention of Public Law 6-41, Section 15, or the "double dipping" statute.

"Any legislation modifying the benefits of a class member is ineffective without the consent of the Settlement Fund and the NMI District Court's approval," said Tang.

If ever SLI 20-01 becomes law, it would have no effect under the Settlement Agreement, Tang said.

"The parties of the Settlement Agreement must comply with all laws and terms of the Settlement Agreement. For this reason, SLI 20-01, if passed, would violate the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the order approving the agreement," said Tang.

According to the initiative, the main purpose of allowing retirees to return to the workforce is to resolve the impending labor shortage in the CNMI once the foreign workforce program, or CW-1 program, expires by the end of 2019.

For SLI 20-01 to take effect, at least three-fourths of both the House of Representatives and the Senate should vote for its passage. Following the initiative's passage, registered voters of the CNMI would then have to vote on SLI 20-01 at the next regular general elections.

As of publication, the House JGO voted 3-0 in last Tuesday's committee meeting to set SLI 20-01 aside for further discussion.

Committee chair Blanco, Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan) and minority leader Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) voted, while Reps. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Francisco Aguon (R-Saipan), Edwin Aldan (R-Tinian), and Jose Itibus (R-Saipan) were absent from the meeting.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left to right, caseworker Jaclyn T. Mendiola, caseworker Dolores I. Benavente, compliance specialist Chrislaine L. Manibusan, Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, Breanna M. Camacho, John A. Granada, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, law clerk Jacqueline A. Nicolas, and judicial assistant Clarice Y.C. Mendoza.

'COURT IS NOW IN SESSION'

Two KHS seniors take over

Two seniors from Kagman High School—Breanna M. Camacho and John A. Granada—participated in the 2017 Youth Takeover Day with the CNMI Superior Court last Oct. 19.

The two students spent a full day looking over the shoulders of Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja and Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, watching them in how they do their jobs and the various divisions they oversee.

The day began with an educational tour of the various court divisions and its respective functions. Subsequently, the students were able to put what they learned to use as they participated in *pro se* interviews in the Family Court Division. Next, the students spent quality time shadowing the judges in court and in chambers. Specifically, the students attended arraignments, change of plea hearings, motion hearings, sentencing, and Drug Court hearings. After each hearing, students were able to ask questions and reflect on what they saw in court.

When asked about the experience, Kim-Tenorio stated, "I was very impressed with how much the students had learned in such a short period of time. They left the program more appreciative of the various services provided by the Judiciary and even expressed possible interests in a career relating to the law, if not directly within the Judiciary."

"The Judiciary appreciates the Office of the Governor, particularly the Youth Affairs Office, for putting together such an important program for our future leaders," she added. ***(PR)***

Power outage in Garapan on Saturday

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, from 5am to 10am to allow a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely replace three wooden power poles with concrete poles along Beach Road in Garapan.

This is part of an ongoing Hazard Mitigation Project that involves the replacement of 787 wooden poles with concrete poles. A total of 480 wooden poles have been replaced with their corresponding pole size. The remaining 307 are to be replaced with their corresponding concrete pole size.

Areas to he affected are Feeder 2 (2na Partial): Beach Road Garapan (Fishing Base to Smiling Cove Marina), Dama Di Noche St., Mapola St., Kadena Di Amor St., McDonald's/Mobil gas station, TSL building, Joeten Hafa Adai shopping center, Bubba Gump Shrimp, Wild Bills, IHOP, Ajisen Ramen, Coconut St., Coffee Tree Mall, Ginger Ave., Coral Tree Ave., Date St., Pasco de Marianas, Palm St., and Plumeria Ave.

No water well will be affected but the S5 sewer lift station will be affected.

The traffic light at the intersection near Bank of Guam will be affected.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, we ask travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

Upcoming CNMI government holidays

This year, Citizenship Day, which falls on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, will be observed on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017.

Moreover, Veterans Day, which falls on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, will be observed on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017.

Pursuant to CNMI law, 1 CMC Section 313, if a legal holiday falls on a Saturday, it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday.

Schools and government offices will be closed on both these days.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has asked all department and activity heads to ensure that essential public services will not be disrupted. ***(PR)***

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2017 Trick or Treat

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Children dressed in different characters trick-or-treat at the American Memorial Park during the Trunk and Treat hosted by TanHoldings.

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Hordes of children dressed in different characters trick-or-treat at the American Memorial Park during the Trunk and Treat hosted by TanHoldings.

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One of the affiliates of TanHoldings gives out candy at the American Memorial Park during the Trunk and Treat event they hosted.

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A van is turned into a mock cemetery and is put on display during the Trunk and Treat held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

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Children dressed in different characters take part in the haunted maze set up by the Saipan Mayor's Office.

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Children with their parents attend the first Bike and Treat held at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

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Candy is given out during the Trunk and Treat held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

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SSHS wins Red Ribbon gate decorating contest

Saipan Southern High School has been named the CNMI winner of this year's Red Ribbon Gate/Wall Decorating Contest.

In an announcement yesterday, the Red Ribbon Committee said that SSHS beat out 11 other schools on Saipan, Tinian and Rota that participated in the contest.

Last year's Red Ribbon Gate Decorating Contest winner was Garapan Elementary School, which was where Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog signed the proclamation on Oct. 4 that kicked off Red Ribbon Week in the CNMI.

The CNMI-wide gate/wall decorating contest was open to all schools.

Committee members also conducted Red Ribbon presentations on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

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Each tiny key has the signature of a student's pledge to be drug-free.

The NMI's Red Ribbon Committee includes local and federal agencies, and private and nonprofit organizations that have partnered to increase awareness of the National Red Ribbon Campaign's significance and promote a drug-free CNMI.

This year's theme was "Your FUTURE is Key, So Stay DRUG-FREE."

The campaign provides communities with a forum to bring together parents, schools and businesses to find new and innovative ways to keep kids drug free.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

Red Ribbon Week is a chance to be visible and vocal in our desire for a drug-free community.

Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to substance use and abuse. ***(PR)***

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Standing from left to right, Dr. Annamma Varghese, James Finch, Dr. Robert Underwood, Dr. Anita Borja-Enriquez, Melanie Mendiola, and Jonathan Nguyen. Seated from left to right, Dr. Kathryn Wood, daughter of Geneffer Riagelig, Geneffer Riagelig, and Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima.

Chuuk-born UOG nursing student receives scholarship

MANGILAO, Guam—The Charles H. Parent Scholarship was awarded to student Geneffer Raigelig from the School of Nursing and Health Sciences of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the President's Office at the University of Guam campus on Oct. 26.

Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, Dr. Kathryn Wood, and James Finch from the Nursing Program were present to congratulate the recipient at the scholarship award ceremony.

Born in Chuuk, Raigelig will be the Nursing Program's first student to have been born in another island in Micronesia and graduate with a generic BSN degree. She had attended UOG 15 years ago and returned to finally complete her education. Joining her at the presentation was her daughter and niece who both hope to attend UOG in the future.

"I left the program, and I thought I would never come back," said Raigelig. "I will finish, I will graduate, and I will take the NCLEX exam."

The difficult road to becoming a nurse includes difficult course work with high failure rate, intense clinical work, and the NCLEX, a national standardized exam nursing licensure.

"Pathophysiology is the hardest class in the nursing program, and she passed it, " said Hattori-Uchima. "She is so intelligent when she does clinical, and she has a way with people. She really deserves this."

The Charles H. Parent scholarship program is awarded primarily to encourage students from the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to pursue a university nursing education.

Raigelig hopes to work in public health, address the gap in health disparities in her community and help with the language barriers that exist.

"Dr. Parent really wanted to impact the healthcare demographic here," said Woods. "He wanted Micronesian nurses to be able to take care of Micronesian patients."

Parent, who passed away in 2007, had moved to Guam in 1976 and worked for many years at the Department of Public Health and Social Services while giving much to the local community.

"I went to thank the faculty for their neverending support," Raigelig said. "Without them, I wouldn't be able to stay in the program." ***(UOG)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-18-IFB-002

CONSTRUCTION OF SAN VICENTE CENTRAL PARK, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Construction of San Vicente Central Park**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 19, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 9, 2017 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening**.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-18-IFB-002**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:30 a.m. local time November 22, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:30 a.m. local time, November 22, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 22, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **December 1, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:30 a.m. local time, December 6, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **11:00 a.m. local time, on November 22, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Peter P. Camacho
Acting Secretary of Public Works

Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply

MTEC kicks off school presentations at Kagman High

The Marianas Tourism Education Council kicked off its annual school presentations on Oct. 19, 2017, at Kagman High School, speaking to students about working in the tourism and hospitality industry.

Kanoa Resort Saipan operations manager and MTEC board member Glenn Policare shared with the students the need for their active participation in the industry.

"Our most recent MTEC educational outreach to Kagman High School focused on the numerous opportunities here in the CNMI," said Policare. "With tourism numbers climbing, so is the demand for individuals with the passion and drive to serve those making the trip to the Marianas. It was great to field questions from the dozens of students who were in attendance and inspiring to hear them answers the questions from our quiz."

In addition to Policare, MTEC board member Catherine Perry presented an overview of tourism in the Marianas and Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects specialist Demalynn Pagarao shared about the responsibilities and activities of the state tourism agency.

"We're very pleased to be beginning this year's outreach presentations to share the importance of the tourism industry with our CNMI students and how they can be a part of the industry," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "MTEC is especially pleased to have the continued strong support in this initiative of the MVA, which will be playing an even larger role in our presentation s this year.

MTEC plans to present to 5th, 8th, and 10th graders this year on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in partnership with MVA. The presentations are also sponsored by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Ernst & Young, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and T Galleria. Schools interested in having an MTEC presentation may contact Pagarao at dpagarao@mymarianas.com or 664-3210. ***(MVA)***

Marianas Tourism Education Council board member and Kanoa Resort operations manager Glenn Policare, center in blue, was the guest speaker of the MTEC presentation at Kagman High School on Oct. 19, 2017. MTEC and the Marianas Visitors Authority plan to visit public schools this school year to teach about tourism industry.

MVA

CLUB 200 DONORS

Imperial Pacific International donated $10,000 to the 28th Annual Club 200. Here, Imperial Pacific International CEO Mark Brown, center, and American Red Cross board chair Tayna Camacho, standing second from left, join this year's Club 200 co-chair Nola Hix, center. Also in photo are IPI's senior vice president for Special Projects Viola Alepuyo; IPI's executive director for CSR Geralyn Dela Cruz, third from left, together with other members of IPI and the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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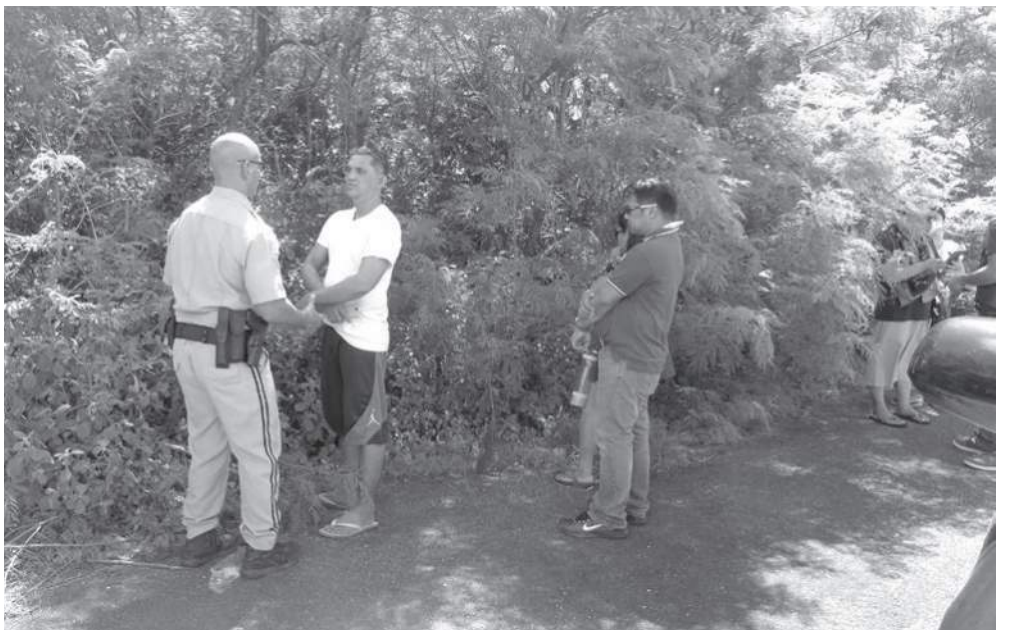

CONCERNED CITIZENS

Acting police spokesman Lt. Jason Tarkong talks with Joan Taitano's uncle at the radar building area in Marpi yesterday morning shortly after a body was found 200 feet in the bottom of the cliffline. DPS later confirmed the body to be that of Taitano, who has been missing since Thursday. Investigation is still ongoing.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Exotic Mini Car Club donates $400 to the 28th Annual Club 200 gala. For over 10 years, Team Exotic has been donating to the American Red Cross. Here, Team Exotic members join NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh. Also in photo are Team Exotic president Carol Fleming, standing the far right, and vice president Lisa Santos, standing third from left, together with other Team Exotic members.

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TRUNK OR TREAT

First lady Diann Torres and her children participate in the Trunk or Treat event at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Telephone disruption at OAG

The CNMI Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division is experiencing a temporary disruption to phone services. All incoming and outgoing calls are unavailable at this time. IT&E is working to resolve the matter to resume services as soon as possible. For immediate assistance, call 234-8964/788-7940; or Civil Division at 237-7500. ***(PR)***

Las Vegas Night on Nov. 18

The 2017 Rotary Club of Saipan's Las Vegas Night is on Nov. 18, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall, from 6pm to 12pm. This year the Rotary Club of Saipan will make a donation to the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Nevada to help those in this year's mass shootings. Each ticket is $5 or get five tickets for $20. You can call the Rotary Club of Saipan at 783-6378 for tickets, or visit any of the distribution points at Megabyte, NMPASI, or Paradise Dental. ***(PR)***

Chamber hosts sales training for holidays

The "Customer Service & Suggestive Selling for the Holidays" training seminar will be conducted on Nov. 16, from 9am to 12pm at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315). Registration fee is $50 per person for Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. To register, call 670-234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

MVA membership meeting on Nov. 9

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Nov. 9, 2017, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

Guest speakers will be from the MVA's offshore offices and will provide a recap of fiscal year 2017 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for fiscal year 2018.

Speakers will be the respective in-country managers: Irene Lee, Korea market; Shirley Zhang, China market; and Takashi Ichikura, Japan market.

The meeting cost is $16/person for MVA members and $20/person for non-members. The cost includes light refreshments and lunch. RSVP should be made by Nov. 3, 2017.

The MVA also welcomes new businesses, agencies and individuals who want to actively participate in the Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is $100 annually. To RSVP, to request a membership application, or for more information, contact MVA Community Projects administrative assistant Demalynn Pagarao at dpagarao@mymarianas.com or call 664-3200. ***(MVA)***

JIL Church Saipan to mark 20th anniversary

The CNMI community is invited to attend the Jesus is Lord Church Saipan's 20th anniversary celebration on Nov. 5, 3pm at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. The JIL Church Saipan congregation hosts its members at their sanctuary in San Vicente. There are three services available every Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, and 6pm. For more information, call 670-235-8053 or 670-989-8053. ***(PR)***

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Golden Aurora LLC

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Golden Aurora LLC is proposing to occupy 3 existing structures with a total of 26 units to operate a motel. Building 1, a two-storey structure consists of 10 units; Building 2, a two-storey structure consists of 4 units; and Building 3, a three-storey structure consists of 12 units. This use is classified as "Motel" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Tract Nos. 21818NEW-4, 21818NEW-5 & 21818NEW-R2 in Susupe. This area is zoned a Village Commercial.

Date: November 09, 2017
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, November 08, 2017. Please send written comments via e-mail toTherese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Guangdong Development Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Guangdong Development Corporation is proposing to expand the floor area of 8 units located on the 2nd floor of an existing two-storey structure for staff housing. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. H-314-A-2 in As Perdido. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Date: November 09, 2017
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION & PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FY 2016 AND 2017
MPLT RFP 17-02

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Preparation & Publication of Annual Reports for MPLT for each fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Copy of the RFP is available @ **www.mplt.gov.mp** or may be pick-up at MPLT, 1222 Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950.

Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday

Contact Barbara Reyes at (670) 322-4401/4402 or email: mplt@mplt.gov.mp for more information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 15, 2017

PLACE:
Marianas Public Land Trust
P.O. Box 501089
1222 Capital Hill Road
Saipan, MP 96950

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is in the Trust best interest. All proposals shall become the property of MPLT.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Marianas Outsource LLC dba SaveMore Market

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Marianas Outsource LLC dba SaveMore Market is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey building for a "Mom & Pop Grocery Store". This use is classified as "Mom & Pop Grocery Store" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 015 D 46-49, along President Street in China Town. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

Date: November 09, 2017
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, November 08, 2017. Please send written comments via e-mail toTherese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 09, 2017
5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe
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A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of 11/09/2017 agenda
4. Adoption of 10/26/2017 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings:
1. Conditional Use Application #2017-3449: Marianas Outsource LLC dba SaveMore Market is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey building for a "Mom & Pop Grocery Store". This use is classified as "Mom & Pop Grocery Store" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 015 D 46-49, along President Street in China Town. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
2. Conditional Use Application #2017-3775: Guangdong Development Corporation is proposing to expand the floor area of 8 units located on the 2nd floor of an existing two-storey structure for staff housing. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. H-314-A-2 in As Perdido. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
3. Conditional Use Application #2017-4021: Golden Aurora LLC is proposing to occupy 3 existing structures with a total of 26 units to operate a motel. Building 1, a two-storey structure consists of 10 units; Building 2, a two-storey structure consists of 4 units; and Building 3, a three-storey structure consists of 12 units. This use is classified as "Motel" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Tract Nos. 21818NEW-4, 21818NEW-5, & 21818NEW-R2 in Susupe. This area is zoned a Village Commercial.

C. Communication
D. Old Business
E. New Business
1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session
G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ADDENDUM NO. 1
October 20, 2017

ARCHITECHTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES
2018-CDA-01-RFP

General: The following revisions, additions, corrections, and or clarifications to this Request for Proposal are affected thereby careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the proposer.

1. Deadlines:
Sealed proposals must be marked "2018-CDA-01-RFP". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three copies of the proposals must be submitted no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, November 21, 2017.** Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, November 21, 2017,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **Tuesday November 28, 2017.**

2. Project management
To include Project Management Service fees in the proposal as a line item.

All other requirements of the Request for Proposal shall remain as stated.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

END OF ADDENDUM NO.1

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

'Uh, oh' moment

Paul Manafort lived big for years and years, lobbying or representing or whatever it's called for foreign governments, and he didn't seem to be too particular about his clients in terms of their philosophical leanings, as long as the checks cleared. And they cleared – in the millions and millions of dollars.

But then, in the summer of 2016, Manafort succumbed to a big temptation, to run the campaign of Donald Trump, an improbable leader in the race for the Republican nomination for president. And now, Manafort may owe his indictment on conspiracy, money laundering and tax charges to that higher profile.

Manafort had to leave the campaign in August of last year after a brief time at the helm because he was under scrutiny for representing Russian interests in the Ukraine. That surely was one factor in Manafort and his former associate Rick Gates falling under the eyes of Robert Mueller, the no-nonsense former FBI director now conducting an independent investigation of the Trump campaign's alleged ties to Russia and Russia's alleged attempts to influence the 2016 campaign.

Mueller is a serious man. Manafort knows that and it will be interesting to see how he and Gates, also indicted and taken into federal custody, will respond in terms of cooperating with Mueller's far-ranging investigation or going another way, denying everything and fighting it all through court.

Make no mistake, this is about as close to the Trump campaign as Mueller could get, and already there have been public discussions about Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting with Russian associates for the purpose of "opposition research" on Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton.

For his part, Trump responded as Trump responds: with outrageous tweets saying the investigation should be looking at Hillary Clinton's emails and other issues and that Republicans were focused on tax cuts. The president's more calm and realistic associates are doubtless mortified that not even the indictment of his former campaign leader can stem Trump's impulsive emails and tweets. But the risk is that Trump may become so outraged that he will fire Mueller, thus setting off a confrontation with Congress and a constitutional crisis.

What's certain is that the indictments so far – likely to open the doors on tens of millions of dollars in business Manafort and his associates did with foreign interests over many years – are only the beginning. That is disquieting, of course, for average Americans, who would like to see their country calm down from bombastic politics – Trump's been in office nine months, after all – and move ahead with answering infrastructure needs and helping families improve their personal economics and job security.

The one positive thing that can be said about the Mueller probe and this latest development is that it is evidence again of the strength of this Republic. Partisanship cannot stop the march of truth in this democracy. And a president locked away in the upper floors of the White House cannot stop it, either, with tweets and outbursts against the political foes he long ago defeated but with whom he remains obsessed. That is Donald Trump's obsession.

But Robert Mueller's obsession is truth-seeking. And he is strongly in pursuit.

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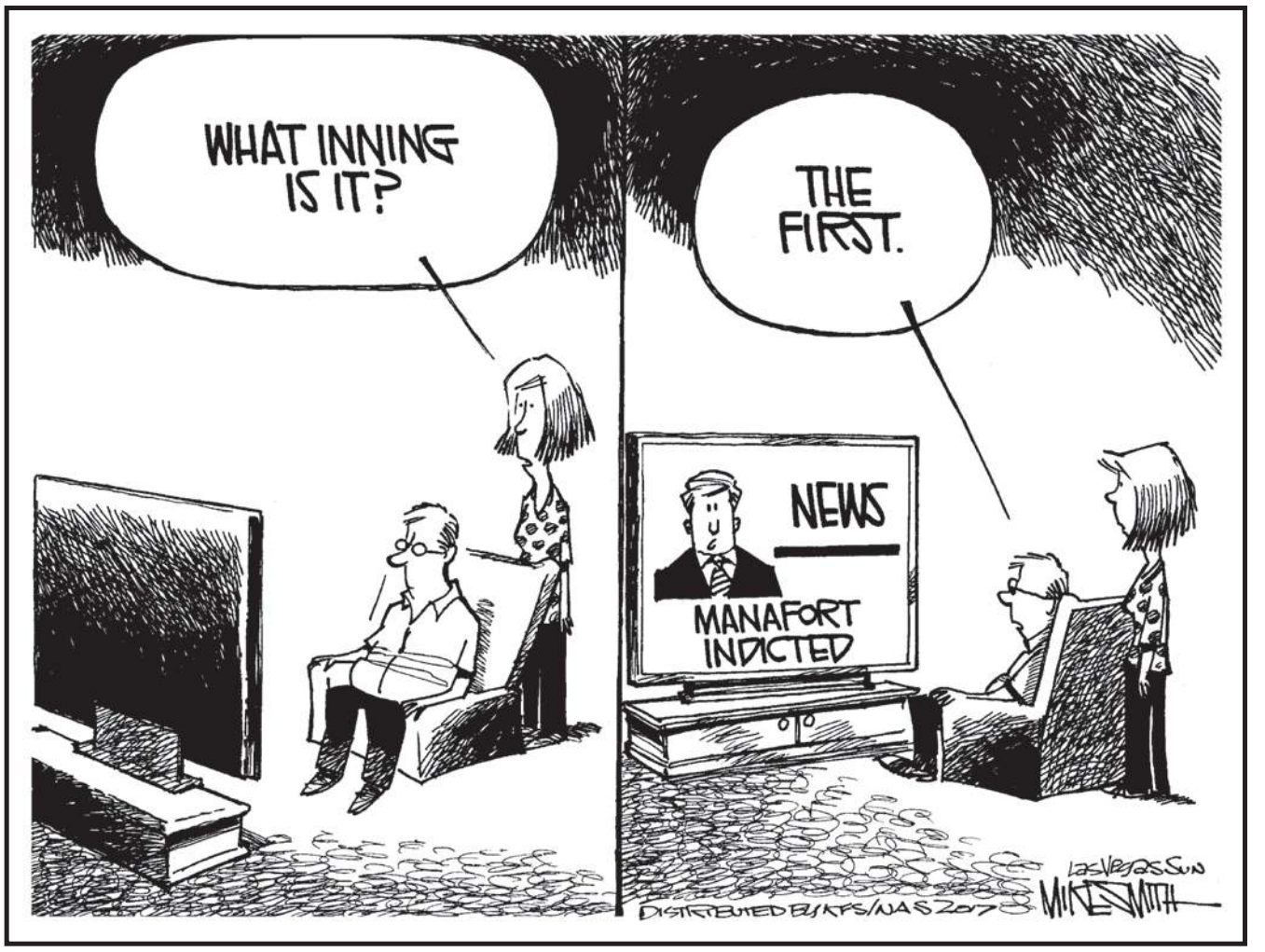

Trump's blame game is wearing very thin

By CLARENCE PAGE
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After news broke that his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and Manafort's long-time associate, Rick Gates, had been indicted, President Donald Trump responded by tweet with a familiar response: Investigate Hillary Clinton.

"Sorry," he tweeted after Monday's 12-count federal indictment was unsealed, "but this is years ago, before Paul Manafort was part of the Trump campaign. But why aren't Crooked Hillary & the Dems the focus?????"

Translation: "Manafort? Manafort? Do I know a Manafort? So when are you going to arrest Hillary Clinton and her fellow Democrats?"

Blame Hillary First has been a standard White House response in the days leading up to the first Russia-gate indictment. "If any collusion took place it was with the Clintons," said White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders in response to the indictments.

Trump has charged that the Clinton Foundation received "pay for play" donations from Russians in order for then-secretary of State Hillary Clinton to sell a uranium mining company to a Russian one and "gave Russia 20 percent of American uranium."

But, even though the Clinton Foundation received enormous donations and Bill Clinton received enormous speaking fees from leaders involved in the deal, the Washington Post Fact Checker and the fact-checking website Snopes.com found no evidence that Hillary Clinton was involved personally in the deal, which may not even have risen to the level of her office.

But as we have seen repeatedly, Trump and his allies are not about to let anything as trivial as facts get in the way of a good slam at their favorite targets, like Hillary Clinton.

Devin Nunes, a California Republican and chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, plans to look into Clinton's role in a 2010 uranium deal that became a favorite attack line by candidate Trump. Fine. I would not stand in the way of officeholder's accountability to public scrutiny. But that doesn't excuse Team Trump from similar scrutiny.

Yet three minutes after that "Crooked Hillary" tweet, Trump added this: "Also, there is NO COLLUSION!"

Well, not so fast. Even as Trump tapped out that presidential tweet, newer news broke: The FBI has evidence of—Surprise! Surprise!—collusion.

Foreign policy aide George Papadopoulos secretly pleaded guilty three weeks earlier, it turned out, to charges that he lied to FBI agents about meetings he had with Kremlin-connected Russians during last year's presidential campaign who claimed to have "dirt" about Hillary Clinton's campaign.

News of the plea came as Manafort and Gates were charged with conspiracy to launder money, making false statements and other charges related to their work advising a political party in Ukraine that is friendly to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Sanders tried to dismiss Papadopoulos as "a volunteer." That sounds like his job was no more important than answering phones. But he had enough clout to be one of five people Trump listed and praised as foreign policy advisors during a Washington Post editorial board meeting last year.

But his dirt-chasing contacts sound very much like the invitation Donald Trump Jr. received to another meeting with Russians to which Junior famously replied, "If it's what you say I love it especially later in the summer."

Papadopoulos, according to court filings, was told by an unidentified "professor" with Kremlin contacts _ since identified as Joseph Mifsud of Scotland's University of Stirling _ that Russians had "dirt" on Clinton, including "thousands of emails." This came a month after Clinton's campaign chairman John Podesta's emails were hacked in March.

There's a lot more to this story, but you get the idea. Papadopoulos plea deal as a "proactive cooperator," rebuts Trump's weak charges of "fake news" _ especially if, as CNN legal commentator Jeffrey Toobin speculated, Papadopoulos has been wearing a wire. As former FBI head James Comey said under different circumstances, "Lordy, I hope there are tapes."

As Mueller's investigation moves closer into Trump's inner circle, Watergate-style questions arise, such as "What did the president know and when did he know it." In Trump's case, the question of what he did not know is just as appropriate.

However he may have handled his affairs in the private sector, he was poorly prepared in many ways for the extra accountability that public sector jobs entail, especially in the White House. In Trump's case, I can't help but wonder not only about what he didn't know but also why he didn't seem to care—as long as he had someone else to blame.

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A boy suffers for his father's crime

By GLENN E. MARTIN AND JOSHUA MORRISON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A.J. Burgess was born without kidneys. He spent the first 10 months of his life in a hospital in Atlanta. At 2 years old, he weighs only 25 pounds and has yet to take his first steps. He receives dialysis treatment daily and his health could take a fatal turn at any moment.

One can only imagine the suffering his parents must be going through. Luckily, A.J. is finally old enough that a kidney transplant is now an option. With a transplant he could have a normal childhood and live a long, healthy life. A.J. is even luckier because his father, Anthony Dickerson, is a perfect match.

Dickerson is willing and able to save his son's life—but he is not permitted to do so. Recently, a court determined that he had violated his probation for an earlier crime when he was found in possession of a firearm during an attempt to commit a felony. As a result, according to A.J.'s mother, the transplant center said in October that Dickerson was not eligible to donate a kidney. The center won't share information about specific cases. But, again according to A.J.'s mother, it won't reevaluate its decision for at least three months because it wants to know that Dickerson has exhibited "good behavior" for a significant period of time.

Whatever that actually means and whatever you think about Dickerson, I'm sure we can all agree that a child should not have to pay the price for his father's actions.

Yet children often suffer when a loved one enters the criminal justice system. People in the system are still mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers. Inevitably, prison doesn't just touch one individual. It debilitates whole families.

The stigma of incarceration runs deep. Although no court legally barred Dickerson from saving his son's life, even medical professionals treat him as inherently suspect and "less than." By other-ing people who have been incarcerated, we prevent them from fully reintegrating into their communities: They never really get out of our criminal justice system once they've been in it. Every sentence is a life sentence, of sorts, and Dickerson's sentence may also be a death sentence for his son.

A.J.'s case is not some unpredictable aberration. It's an easily foreseeable consequence of our society's flawed approach to, and understanding of, criminal justice.

Dickerson, like a disproportionate number of people who have been incarcerated, is black. A disproportionate number of patients with kidney failure are also black. African Americans are not only more likely than whites to get kidney disease, but also less likely to be put on the waiting list when eligible, less likely to find a living donor, more likely to wait longer for a deceased donor, and more likely to die while waiting.

The transplant system, like the criminal justice system, shows clear evidence of racial bias and inequality. At every stage of the process, black people fare worse. Given that nearly half of African American men have an arrest record, one has to wonder whether the transplant system's treatment of formerly incarcerated people is at least partially to blame.

In the realm of criminal justice, reform is a moral imperative. It can also save taxpayers money. So, too, each kidney transplant saves the federal government an average of $145,000 in long-term medical costs. But for a pediatric patient with extreme needs like A.J., that number is far higher. We are all made worse off because Dickerson does not have the right to help his child.

The damage to A.J., meanwhile, is incalculable. Do we want to live in a society that attempts to isolate people like Dickerson from his son? And even if that were morally acceptable—which it is not—what is the value gained by having a system that actually imperils Dickerson's son?

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The Facebook farce

The Kremlin knows a bargain when it sees it.

We are supposed to believe that it bought the American presidential election last year with $100,000 in Facebook ads and some other digital activity. Frankly, if American democracy can be purchased this cheap—a tiny fraction of the $7.2 million William Seward paid to buy Alaska from the Russians back in 1867—it's probably not worth having.

The latest obsession in the Russian collusion story, the Kremlin's digital activity has generated headlines and put Facebook and all of Silicon Valley on the defensive, although this looks to be one of the most overhyped stories of the year.

The Russians, as far as we know, bought more than $100,000 in Facebook ads between June 2015 and May 2017. A little more than half was spent after last November, when, obviously, Donald Trump had already won.

The scale here is singularly unimpressive. A serious House campaign might spend $100,000 on digital. In a presidential campaign, the amount is a rounding error. The Trump campaign spent around $90 million on digital in 2016. Hillary Clinton employed a considerable digital staff, and announced she was spending $30 million on digital the last month of the campaign alone.

If tens of thousands of dollars was decisive amid this tsunami of tens of millions, the Russian trolls working somewhere in St. Petersburg should strike out on their own and start a political consultancy or an internet publishing company. They are geniuses.

It doesn't appear that much of the Russian material was explicitly advocating for Trump's election, and some of it wasn't even right wing. One Russian Facebook page highlighted discrimination against Muslims. Another promoted anti-police videos for a Black Lives Matter audience. A pro-gay-rights page was called LGBT United.

Other pages were on the right and supportive of Trump. But much of the Russian Facebook activity was peddling online tripe indistinguishable from indigenous American online tripe—in fact, it was ripped off from content produced by Americans. If the Russians are going to decide our elections on social media, one assumes it will require at least a little originality.

One suspicion has been that the Trump campaign helped direct the Russian online effort. What we know about the Russian activity so far makes that doubtful. Why, if the Trump campaign was running its own digital campaign that was magnitudes larger, would it bother with a tiny Russian effort that wasn't always focused on Trump or his message?

By RICH LOWRY
King Features Synd., Inc.

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It is outrageous that Russians meddled in our democracy at all, and if there are ways to lock them out of our social media going forward, we should do it. Let's not pretend, though, that the Russian online activity was the key to the election. This is classic conspiracy thinking—that some small secret cabal is responsible for a world-historical outcome that had much more obvious causes (Hillary Clinton's poor campaign, for one).

There may yet be truly damaging Russia revelations, and the Trump family's business dealings could always produce a nasty surprise. But all the focus on Facebook serves, for now, as a substitute for a smoking gun in the absence of a real one.

Why life doesn't begin at conception

Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services released a draft of its latest strategic plan, which will guide the agency from 2018 to 2022. Near the top of the document, the agency presents its mission statement: HHS activities "cover a wide spectrum of activities, serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, beginning at conception."

This is a religious definition of life, not a scientific one. Health and Human Services is a government organization. Its actions should be evidence-based, not faith-based, and this decidedly unscientific language should be eliminated from its strategic plan.

As an infertility specialist, I witness human fertilization in the laboratory every day. The human egg is a single living cell and it becomes a one-cell embryo if it successfully combines with a live sperm. No new life is formed — the egg and the sperm were already alive — and fertilization is not instantaneous. Nearly 48 hours pass from the time sperm first bind to the outside of the zona pellucida, the human eggshell, until the first cell division of the fertilized egg. The two newly formed cells then have the potential to give rise to a human being, but only if they are appropriately nurtured so that they continue to divide and then successfully implant in the uterus.

As women age, the proportion of eggs with chromosomal abnormalities increases dramatically. If such eggs are fertilized, they implant rarely, or result in a miscarriage. In vitro fertilization has shown human reproduction to be a highly inefficient process. Even a chromosomally normal embryo will successfully implant and result in a live birth only about half the time. This is true whether fertilization takes place in the body or in the laboratory.

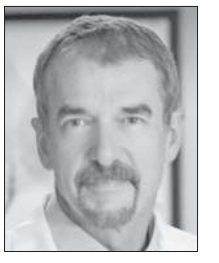
The multicellular pre-implantation embryo cannot be equated with a human being. It is a collection of stem cells, each of which has the capacity to grow into any part of the placenta, as well as fetal tissues and organs, but it is not itself a new human life. It is also potentially more than one individual, since identical twins are the result of a single implantation.

From a scientific perspective, life doesn't begin at any one point, it is a continuum. For HHS to define it as beginning at conception is a transparent attempt to justify restrictions on certain contraceptives as well as abortion. It may also have an unintended consequence: the restriction of infertility treatments, especially in vitro fertilization.

Now nearly 40 years old, IVF has revolutionized infertility treatment. More than 7 million babies have been born worldwide as a direct result of this technology, though it fails as often as it succeeds. If a pre-implantation embryo were to be considered a human being, then its lack of implantation during IVF would logically have to be considered a human death. Fertility clinics would not be able to function if they could be accused of harming human life in the process of trying and failing to achieve a successful pregnancy.

A preimplantation embryo has the theoretical potential to become a human life, but it cannot be considered on the same moral plane as a human life. We should insist that the Department of Health and Human Services be driven by science and data, not faith-based belief.

By RICHARD PAULSON
Los Angeles Times



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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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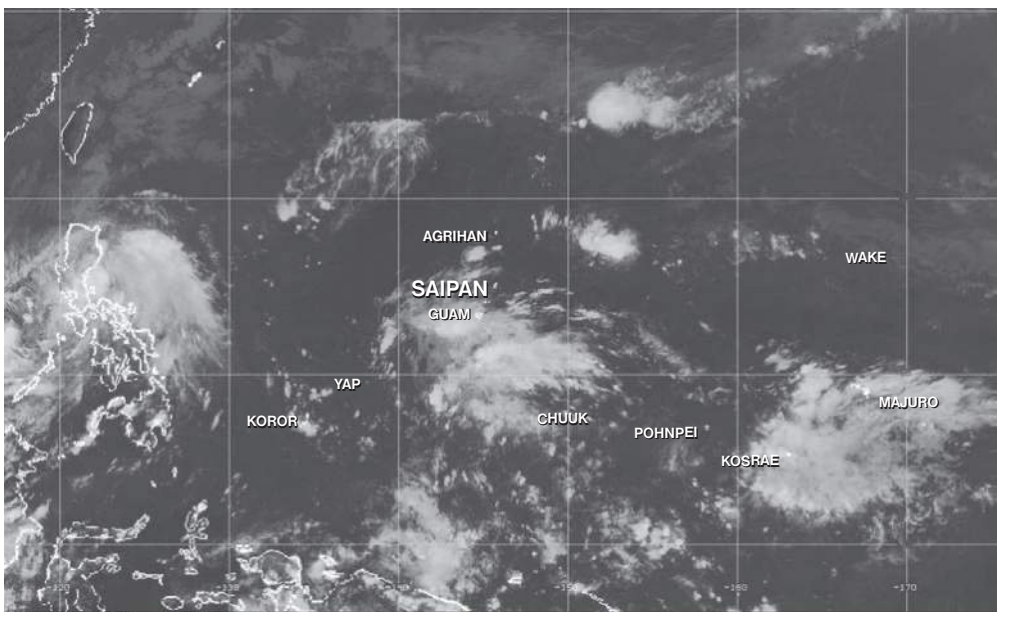

PICTURE TIME: 5:45 AM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Increased instability along with adequate moisture has resulted in mostly cloudy skies and a few thunderstorms across the Marianas this morning. These conditions will continue through tonight, with a drier pattern returning to the area Thursday morning. A weak circulation passing to the south later in the week into the weekend will bring another increase in cloud cover to the islands. Buoys show that seas have increased to around 8 feet at Tanapag this morning. Seas will remain near this level through the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	64° / 63°
Beijing	Sunny	55° / 32°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 74°
London	Partly Cloudy	54° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	68° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Showers	59° / 45°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	81° / 72°
New York	Partly Cloudy	69° / 61°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	68° / 55°
Paris	Cloudy	61° / 46°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	70° / 45°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	77° / 55°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	61° / 52°
Seoul	Showers	64° / 48°
Tokyo	Showers	64° / 55°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	74° / 57°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:06 AM	LOW TIDE	0.39
5:58 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.75
12:02 PM	LOW TIDE	0.46
6:06 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.02

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	4:00 am	4:25 pm
Friday	-	4:56 am	5:11 pm
Saturday	-	5:55 am	6:01 pm
Sunday	-	6:55 am	6:53 pm
Monday	-	7:58 am	7:49 pm

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UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)

XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN

XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA182/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
UA116/6395	10:50pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

2017 All Saints' Day

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Darlene Terry, center, and her nieces visit the grave of her late husband at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery yesterday as part of the annual All Saints' Day tradition.

Members of the Joseph family visit the grave of their deceased loved ones yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Dozens of graves that populate the Chalan Kanoa cemetery are adorned with wreaths yesterday as part of the annual All Saints' Day tradition. The annual visit to the graves of deceased loved ones continues today.

Josephine Sablan, left, and Rose White, right, visit the grave of their deceased loved ones yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

The Torres family visits the grave of their deceased parents yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Community members prepare the stage yesterday for the All Souls' Day Mass that will be held at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Families prepare and set up tents yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

As has become an annual tradition, family members clean up the graves of deceased loved ones as part of the commemoration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

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Business

Tax plan release delayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Republicans, straining to make last-minute changes to their far-reaching tax proposal, on Tuesday delayed the rollout by a day after they failed to finalize the details.

The plan pushed by President Donald Trump and Republican leaders in Congress is a top legislative priority. The details originally were to be unveiled on Wednesday, but that was delayed until Thursday, said Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

The committee had worked throughout the day and evening to produce a plan for the first overhaul of the nation's tax code in three decades.

"We are making excellent progress. We are very close," Brady told reporters late Tuesday night. "A lot of work remains with the drafters, they are continuing to work through the night. We are moving forward."

At the White House, an official said Trump looked forward to seeing legislation this week, adding the administration was confident the delay wouldn't affect the ultimate timing of the bill. Brady said his panel plans to vote on the bill next week.

Although they had settled on some key details—such as a cut in the corporate tax rate to 20 percent and maintaining the top personal income tax rate for the wealthy of 39.6 percent—other elements still had to be resolved, including the income levels for the tax brackets.

Trump has intensified his lobbying for the nearly $6 trillion tax overhaul plan, seeking a major legislative achievement after the collapse of the health care repeal. Republicans see taxes as a political imperative that will decide whether they keep their congressional majorities in next year's midterm elections.

The president set an ambitious timetable and predicted a grand signing ceremony before Christmas at "the biggest tax event in the history of our country."

Late Tuesday, Trump renewed his cheerleading on Twitter.

"The Republican House members are working hard (and late) toward the Massive Tax Cuts that they know you deserve. These will be biggest ever!"

The plan originally unveiled by Trump and congressional Republicans called for shrinking the number of tax brackets from seven to three, with respective tax rates of 12 percent, 25 percent, 35 percent. That plan drew immediate criticism from Democrats, who complained it was too favorable to the wealthy and undermined Trump's rhetoric about it benefiting the middle class.

The current Republican plan calls for nearly doubling the standard deduction used by most average Americans to $12,000 for individuals and $24,000 for families, and increasing the per-child tax credit. In addition to slashing the corporate tax rate, it also seeks to repeal inheritance taxes on multimillion-dollar estates, a big break for the wealthy.

Brady did not answer directly when he was asked—while leaving House Speaker Paul Ryan's suite Tuesday—whether the drop in the corporate tax rate would happen immediately. But, he said: "I want as much growth right

Senators blast Facebook, Twitter, Google in Russia probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Exasperated U.S. senators harshly criticized representatives of Facebook, Twitter and Google at a hearing Tuesday for not doing more to prevent Russian agents interfering with the American political process as early as 2015.

At one point, Sen. Al Franken shook his head after he couldn't get all the companies to commit to not accepting political ads bought with North Korean currency.

The hearing by a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary panel was moved last week into a cavernous hearing room usually reserved for high-profile events like Supreme Court confirmations. About 50 people waited to get in as senators fired pointed questions and waved at cardboard displays of outrageous ads.

"People are buying ads on your platform with rubles. They are political ads," Franken fumed. "You put billions of data points together all the time. ... Google has all knowledge that man has ever developed. You can't put together rubles with a political ad and go like, 'Hmmm, those data points spell out something pretty bad?' "

Technology company representatives fumbled at points. After Franken pointed out foreign spending on U.S. political campaigns is illegal, Google's director of law enforcement and information security, Richard Salgado, replied only that the search giant would refuse political ads paid with foreign currency "if it's a good enough signal on illegality."

"In hindsight, we should have had a broader lens," said Facebook's general counsel, Colin Stretch.

The companies all pledged to do more and politely said they understood the seriousness with which lawmakers are taking the question of Russian meddling.

PRESSURED TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION

Sen. Amy Klobuchar pressured the representatives to support her "Honest Ads" bill, which she is co-sponsoring with Sen. Mark Warner and Sen. John McCain, and which would bring political ad rules from TV, radio and print to the internet.

She dismissed pledges from the companies this week to be more transparent about political ads as an unenforceable "patchwork" of self-policing.

"We're not waiting for legislation," said Stretch, before Klobuchar cut him off and repeated her demand for a yes or no answer.

"We stand ready to work with you and your co-sponsors on that legislation going forward," Stretch replied, echoed by Twitter's and Google's representatives.

Louisiana Sen. John Kennedy browbeat Stretch into admitting that Facebook had no way of knowing the true identity of all of the 5 million advertisers that use its platform every month.

"Of course, the answer is no," Stretch said.

INVESTIGATIONS HEATING UP

The hearing—the first of three this week in which the three tech giants face a public grilling—comes amid the increasing pace of investigations into the Trump administration's possible link to Russia.

Court papers unsealed Monday revealed an indictment against President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and a guilty plea by another adviser, who admitted to lying to the FBI about meetings with Russian intermediaries.

Just five of the full committee's 11 Republicans attended the Senate subcommittee hearing, while all nine Democrats showed up.

Nation

'COWARDLY ACT OF TERROR':
Truck driver kills 8 on bike path

AP

Bicycles and debris lie on a bike path after a motorist drove onto the path near the World Trade Center memorial, striking and killing several people Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—A man in a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial on Tuesday, killing at least eight and seriously injuring 11 in what the mayor called "a particularly cowardly act of terror."

The driver was shot in the abdomen by police after jumping out of the truck with what turned out to be a fake gun in each hand and shouting what witnesses said was "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great," authorities said. The man underwent surgery and was in critical condition but was expected to survive.

Officials who were not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity identified the attacker as 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov and said he is from Uzbekistan and came to the U.S. legally in 2010. The officials said Saipov has a Florida driver's license and may have been staying in New Jersey, and a family friend described roots he had in Ohio, where he lived years ago and was a commercial truck driver.

The driver in Tuesday's attack barreled along the bike path in a rented Home Depot truck for the equivalent of about 14 blocks, or around eight-tenths of a mile, before slamming into a small yellow school bus. The mayhem and the burst of police gunfire set off panic in the neighborhood and left the pavement strewn with mangled bicycles and bodies that were soon covered with sheets.

"I saw a lot of blood over there. A lot of people on the ground," said Chen Yi, an Uber driver.

Eugene Duffy, a chef at a waterfront restaurant, said, "So many police came, and they didn't know what was happening. People were screaming. Females were screaming at the top of their lungs."

Police closed off streets across the western edge of lower Manhattan along the Hudson River, and officers rushed into the neighborhood just as people were preparing for Halloween festivities, including the big annual parade through Greenwich Village.

A police bomb squad scoured the truck but found no explosives.

"This was an act of terror, and a particularly cowardly act of terror aimed at innocent civilians, aimed at people going about their lives who had no idea what was about to hit them," Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

New York and other cities around the globe have been on high alert against attacks by extremists in vehicles. The Islamic State group has been exhorting its followers to mow down people, and England, France and Germany have seen deadly vehicle attacks in the past year or so.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo called it a "lone wolf" attack and said there was no evidence to suggest it was part of a wider plot.

The city's police commissioner, James O'Neill, said a statement the driver made as he got out of the truck and the method of attack led police to conclude it was a terrorist act.

On Twitter, President Donald Trump called it "another attack by a very sick and deranged person" and declared, "NOT IN THE U.S.A.!"

While police did not specifically blame the Islamic State group for the New York bloodshed, Trump railed against the extremist group, tweeting, "We must not allow ISIS to return, or enter, our country after defeating them in the Middle East and elsewhere. Enough!"

Records show Saipov was a commercial truck driver who formed a pair of businesses in Ohio after moving to the U.S. The first business, Sayf Motors Inc., used the address of a family friend near Cincinnati with whom Saipov had stayed for a couple of weeks after his arrival in the country. The second, Bright Auto LLC, used an address near Cleveland.

A trucking industry website listed Saipov at a Paterson, New Jersey, address that authorities were searching Tuesday night. Court records related to trucking-related infractions list Saipov with addresses in Paterson and the Cleveland suburbs.

The family friend with whom Saipov stayed in Ohio, Dilnoza Abdusamatova, told The Cincinnati Enquirer Saipov was "really calm" and worked hard.

"He always used to work," Abdusamatova said. "He wouldn't go to parties or anything. He only used to come home and rest and leave and go back to work."

Focus

Lost-at-sea saga

marked by inconsistencies, changing stories

Jennifer Appel, right, and Tasha Fuiava sit with their dogs on the deck of the USS Ashland Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, at White Beach Naval Facility in Okinawa, Japan. The U.S. Navy ship carrying two sailors it rescued from their storm-battered sailboat in the Pacific docked Monday at the American naval base in Japan. Appel and Fuiava were standing with the USS Ashland's commanding officer and others high on the bridgeway when the ship arrived at the naval facility in Okinawa, five days after it picked up the women and their two dogs from their boat, 900 miles southeast of Japan. AP

By CALEB JONES and MARK THIESSEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU (AP)—The dramatic story of two Honolulu women who were lost at sea for nearly six months before being rescued by the U.S. Navy played out on front pages and websites worldwide. But in the days since, inconsistencies in their account have come to light, and some of their story has changed.

Jennifer Appel and Tasha Fuiava said they intended to take their sailboat, the Sea Nymph, from Honolulu to Tahiti, then sail around the South Pacific before heading back to Honolulu in November.

But they said they encountered engine problems, suffered damage to the boat's masthead and lost all communications.

Here's a look at some of the inconsistencies in their story:

BAD WEATHER, LOST PHONE

Appel and Fuiava left for their planned 18-day trip to Tahiti on May 3. The women said they encountered a fierce storm that unleashed 60 mph (97 kph) winds with 30-foot (9-meter) seas. The pair said they rode out the storm that lasted three days because there were no ports deep enough in Maui or the Big Island for their modified 50-foot sailboat.

The National Weather Service reported no bad storms during that time. And numerous ports on Maui and the Big Island can accommodate vessels as large as cruise ships.

The women said they lost their cellphone overboard during the May 3 storm.

The Coast Guard received a call from the captain of the Sea Nymph on May 6 that they lost a phone, but the agency could not clarify if those aboard lost a satellite phone or a cellular phone.

The agency deployed a plane, which found the sailboat about 133 miles south of the Big Island. The Sea Nymph reported it was not in distress.

COMMUNICATIONS

The pair said they had six ways to communicate, ranging from VHF radio to a satellite phone, but all failed. Phil Johnson, a retired Coast Guard officer who was responsible for search and rescue operations, said he had never heard of all communication devices failing.

The women carried an emergency beacon, which uses satellites to send a location to authorities in minutes.

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, Appel said the beacons only work if airplanes are flying overhead, and the pilots would relay the information to the Coast Guard. She said she didn't activate it because they were not under a known flight path.

"The system does not rely in any way on aircraft to pick up their signal and relay their information," Johnson said Tuesday by phone from Washington state. "It's all done by satellite."

He said Appel's comments made him think she didn't how the beacon works.

BOATING PLAN

Mariners are encouraged to file their planned routes with friends or relatives in case of problems. The documents include specifics about the trip, and when and where the boat will arrive. It's similar to filing a backcountry hiking plan in case you get lost. Appel told reporters she left a plan with her mother in Houston, and with friends in Honolulu.

Coast Guard officials met with Appel and Fuiava in Japan this week and learned no plan was filed. Fuiava also said she had informed family of their route and that relatives had reported the pair missing with calls from California, American Samoa and Alaska. The Coast Guard has no records of those calls.

CALLS TO COAST GUARD

Appel's mother, Joyce, told the AP that she called the Coast Guard in Hawaii about 10 days after the voyage started when she hadn't heard from her daughter.

The agency said it was contacted May 19 by a male friend of the family, reporting the pair overdue into Tahiti. It calculated the normal course and speed for a sailboat and told the caller they would probably not arrive until mid-June.

TAHITI CALL?

A Coast Guard plane was looking for another missing boat near Tahiti on June 15 and also tried to contact the women's vessel on VHF radio. It got a response from a boat identifying itself as the Sea Nymph, which said it planned to make land in Tahiti the following morning.

However, Appel told the Coast Guard after the rescue that they were 1,500 miles away on June 12. The plane could not have made contact that far away, Coast Guard Lt. Scott Carr said.

"There are many vessels out there," Carr said. "Was it a different vessel? We don't know."

SHARKS

One night when the women were adrift, they said huge tiger sharks bombarded their boat for hours. They claimed a group of 20- to 30-foot tiger sharks split up and tried to capsize the boat. One jumped out of the water and smashed into the vessel, they told reporters.

University of Hawaii professor and veteran shark researcher Kim Holland has never heard stories of any kind of shark repeatedly attacking a boat.

"They wouldn't be tiger sharks, and they are not known to have any sort of coordinated feeding strategy, and also they don't come out of the water," Holland said.

In fact, no sharks are known to hunt in packs, he said. The largest known tiger sharks are about 17 feet long.

WAKE ISLAND

The women seemed to be out of radio contact for months, with no known sightings or communication.

In interviews last week, they spoke of the storms, the sharks and attempts to get help in the island nation of Kiribati. Not until an interview Monday in Japan did they mention an attempt to radio for help at Wake Island on Oct. 1 or 2.

The women said the harbor there is built for submarines, and they couldn't navigate in without a motor. They called for help for a tow but said no one seemed to understand them and they drifted off.

Environment

Hurricane Irma destroys record number of turtle nests on Central Florida coast

By KEVIN SPEAR
ORLANDO SENTINEL

ORLANDO, Fla.—Beaches along south Brevard County are a world-class refuge for sea turtles that had a record number of nests just as Hurricane Irma mauled Florida last month.

About half of nearly 16,000 green turtle nests were obliterated in a "devastating" blow to this year's reproductive efforts of the threatened species, according to scientists.

Remarkably, however, Irma could prove to be a blip in the survival trajectory of green turtles, said Kate Mansfield, director of the University of Central Florida Marine Turtle Research Group.

In an astonishing surge, green turtles progressed from rarely appearing in the 1980s at Central Florida's Atlantic Ocean beaches to dwarfing the longstanding dominance of loggerhead turtles this year.

Getting significant credit for the trend are laws enacted in the U.S. and internationally that protect nests and eggs, and measures that, for example, discourage bright lights on beaches that can disorient the creatures.

"If we keep having these big turtle turnouts on the beach, I think we are going to do all right," Mansfield said.

A caveat, she and other experts noted, is whether the spate of damaging storms continues, from Matthew a year ago and Irma in September.

"One year's storm is sad but not a big deal in the big scheme of things," said Simona Ceriani, a research scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "It's the frequency of storms that matters."

Ceriani said green turtles statewide were having phenomenal success leading up to Irma.

Sea turtles on the state's east coast, she said, were harder hit by the storm than those along the west coast and Panhandle.

The state monitors 223 beaches studied by more than 150 groups, many of which won't provide this year's numbers until next year.

For more than 30 years, the University of Central Florida group has concentrated on the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, spanning 20 miles along south Brevard and north Indian River counties.

Turtle activity there accounts for up to 35 percent of nesting in the U.S.

Weighing 200 to 350 pounds, loggerheads start nesting in April. Green turtles are heavier at 300 to 350 pounds and show up beginning in June.

Because loggerhead turtle nesting winds down sooner, that species was less troubled by Irma. About a quarter of nearly 10,000 nests were lost.

To an unknowing eye, stretches of Archie Carr appeared this summer as if bombed or bulldozed; it's what happens when loggerhead and green turtles plow up sand for more than 25,000 nests.

UCF turtle biologists have mental maps of Archie Carr beach and have learned to read the jumble of holes, humps and tracks as if a morning report from the reptiles.

"We have GPS, but I've been on this beach so many times I don't really need it," said Rachel Santulli, a UCF graduate and former intern with the turtle group, which now employs her.

With the morning sun just above the horizon, Santulli stopped her ATV to consider a circuitous adventure by a green turtle on a beach about as wide as a neighborhood street.

"She went up the beach and there she started pitting," Santulli said, referring to the initial effort to scrape out a cavity for a nest.

"She started her laying process and decided she didn't like that spot and came all the way down, went back all the way back over there, back up the dune and that's where she nested, which probably took about a good hour, and then came back down," Santulli said, pointing out the turtle's track along a giant "S" route meshed with other tracks. "The whole process probably took about two hours."

The UCF researcher also found where a turtle had nested on top of another nest.

That's a sign of how densely packed Archie Carr is with nests. But it has happened this year only about 300 times, a small fraction of all nests, Mansfield noted.

Another indication of the intense activity at Archie Carr is what's missing: The beach does not bear the wood stakes, signs and exclusion-zone ribbons prevalent at other beaches.

If that were done at Archie Carr, the resulting thicket of stakes could obstruct turtles from moving around, Santulli said.

Making sense of tracks and nests is best done while the sun is low and shadows are more pronounced, she said.

A gritty task for her came after the sun was higher and hotter as Santulli dug through a nest where eggs had hatched.

The effort was to document the number of empty shells and the nearly dozen that failed to hatch, including some containing viscous, stinking liquid.

Also deeply buried was a living, wiggling hatchling that, unlike its siblings, wasn't able to tunnel out of the nest.

"Nothing beats this," Santulli said, as she carried the hatchling to the surf. "This is definitely one of the best parts."

TNS

Rachel Santulli is a UCF graduate and former intern with the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group. She now works for the group at Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge in Brevard County, monitoring nighttime nesting of sea turtles and surveying at daybreak for hatching activity. During an excavation, she found a live, baby green turtle. She released it and watched as it crawled into the Atlantic surf.

TNS

UCF turtle researcher Rachel Santulli logs turtle nests at Archie Carr refuge.

TNS

A baby green turtle makes its way to sea.

Life & Style

New allegations leveled against actors Spacey, Piven

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood's widening sexual harassment crisis brought forth a second actor's allegation against Kevin Spacey on Tuesday, halted production on his Netflix series "House of Cards" and prompted CBS to check into an actress' claim she was groped by Jeremy Piven.

Spacey

Mexican actor Robert Cavazos wrote on his Facebook page that he encountered Spacey at the bar of London's Old Vic Theatre, where Spacey was artistic director, and the actor tried to fondle him against his will.

"It was more common for this guy, when he was in the bar of his theater, grabbing whoever caught his attention," Cavazos wrote. "I didn't stand for it, but I know some people who were afraid to stop it."

Piven

Cavazos declined an interview request. There was no immediate reply to a request for comment from representatives for Spacey, who was artistic director from 2004-15.

In a statement Tuesday, the theater expressed "deep dismay" at the allegations and said "inappropriate behavior by anyone working at The Old Vic is completely unacceptable."

In recent days, Hollywood has reacted swiftly to allegations of sexual harassment and assault: Harvey Weinstein was fired from the company he founded within days after initial reports of sexual harassment were published in The New York Times earlier this month.

Weinstein has denied engaging in any non-consensual sexual contact.

Dozens of women, including actresses Selma Blair and Rachel McAdams, have alleged that writer and director James Toback sexually harassed or assaulted them.

Toback has denied the allegations.

On Tuesday, however, the Beverly Hills Police Department said it was investigating both men after receiving "multiple complaints," although the department did not specify the nature of the complaints.

On Monday, Netflix said it would end "House of Cards" after its upcoming sixth and final season, although the streaming network said the decision was made before the BuzzFeed News report on Spacey last weekend. The network has not commented on plans for a Gore Vidal biopic starring Spacey that is currently in production.

NPR chief placed on leave after sexual harassment accusations

NEW YORK (AP)—The chief editor at National Public Radio, Michael Oreskes, was placed on leave Tuesday after a published report that he abruptly kissed two women who were seeking jobs while he was Washington bureau chief at The New York Times in the 1990s.

Oreskes

The women formally complained to NPR and told their stories to The Washington Post, speaking on condition of anonymity. Oreskes, vice president of news and editorial director at NPR, did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Oreskes was a vice president and senior managing editor at The Associated Press from 2008 until he joined NPR in 2015.

An NPR spokeswoman, Isabel Lara, said Oreskes had been placed on leave after the allegations from the 1990s appeared in the Post.

NPR reported Tuesday that Oreskes was formally rebuked following a separate incident two years ago where a female producer complained she was made to feel uncomfortable after a dinner in which Oreskes talked about sex and inquired about her personal life. The woman, Rebecca Hersher, said on the NPR report that "it undercut my confidence."

NPR said in a statement on Tuesday: "We take these kinds of allegations very seriously. If a concern is raised, we review the matter promptly and take appropriate steps as warranted to assure a safe, comfortable and productive work environment. As a matter of policy, we do not comment about personnel matters."

Reports: UK police widen investigation into Harvey Weinstein

LONDON (AP)—British media reported Tuesday that police have widened their investigation into sexual assault claims against disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

The Independent newspaper, Press Association and Sky News say London's Metropolitan Police was now investigating allegations against Weinstein by seven women over incidents that reportedly took place from the 1980s to 2015.

Weinstein

Asked about the reports, police said Tuesday that officers from its child abuse and sexual offenses command were probing sexual assault allegations made by seven victims under what it called "Operation Kaguyak." Police did not name Weinstein—in Britain, police do not identify people under investigation until charges are laid.

In a statement, police said they received the first allegation on Oct. 11, claiming "a man sexually assaulted a woman in the late 1980s in west London."

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Joan Lumberio Taitano

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Her remains will be buried on November 12, 2017 in Manila, Philippines.
Please come in Joan's favorite color "Green", if you can

Wendy Williams passes out, collapses on-air during chat show

NEW YORK (AP) — Wendy Williams gave viewers a scare Tuesday morning when she passed out on-the-air during a broadcast of her syndicated chat show.

Williams

Williams was introducing a segment while wearing a Statue of Liberty Halloween costume when her speech suddenly became slurred. She began shaking and seconds later collapsed on the stage. Stagehands rushed in to help her while the crowd screamed.

Williams was back on camera after a break and told the audience the moment "was not a stunt" and she passed out because she was overheated in her costume.

Williams' publicist Alexandra Sinclair tells The Associated Press the host is "feeling much better" and was able to finish the show OK. Sinclair says Williams will "address the incident on tomorrow's show."

NYC votes to repeal 91-year-old law banning dancing in bars

NEW YORK (AP)—Cut loose! New York City lawmakers voted Tuesday to legalize dancing in bars, repealing a 91-year-old law that banned boogieing at most city nightspots.

The anti-dancing law was first enacted in 1926 and prohibited dancing in bars and restaurants that don't have a cabaret license.

Critics said the so-called cabaret law originated as a racist attempt to police Harlem's 1920s jazz clubs and continued to be enforced unfairly.

"If you're Latino, if you're black, if you're from the LGBTQ community, you all have been impacted by this law," said City Councilman Rafael Espinal, a Brooklyn Democrat, who introduce the legislation to repeal the law. "It is time we right this historical wrong and remove New York's inappropriate and arbitrarily enforced dancing licensing."

After the Council's 41-1 vote Tuesday to repeal the law, the measure will go to Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has said he supports it. The repeal will go into effect 30 days from when de Blasio signs it.

Nightlife advocates hailed the repeal.

"The Cabaret Law has decimated New York City culture for the past century and we are extremely pleased to celebrate its death. We are very proud of our city government for doing the right thing and for all the hard work and support we have received from fellow advocates and the residents of this incredible city," said John Barclay, a bar manager and a founder of the pro-repeal Dance Liberation Network.

"After banning dancing for 91 years this is a great day for the city," said Greg Miller, the executive director of Dance Parade, a nonprofit that puts on an annual parade showcasing all forms of dance.

"It's been 91 years but it's happening, and it's progress," said Andrew Muchmore, a bar owner whose lawsuit over the anti-dancing law is still pending in federal court.

Fewer than 100 of the city's 25,000 eating and drinking establishments currently have a cabaret license, which requires approval from multiple city agencies.

Judge OKs sales of children's book focusing on Idaho artist

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A fictional biography for children of a self-taught Idaho artist whose work appears in museums around the world went on sale Tuesday after a federal judge ruled the author likely didn't violate copyright laws.

U.S. District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill on Monday ruled that Allen Say's "Silent Days, Silent Dreams" is not likely to infringe on James Castle's work because it falls within fair legal use for purposes such as teaching or scholarship.

About 28 of the 150 illustrations in the children's book are Say's copies of Castle's art, Winmill notes.

The Idaho-based James Castle Collection and Archive sought a temporary restraining order to halt book sales because it hadn't given Say permission to use Castle's art. But Winmill denied the request, saying Say and publisher Scholastic Inc. would likely prevail on the merits of the case, which remains active.

The James Castle Collection and Archive referred questions to their attorney, Juliette White, who didn't return a call from The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Castle, born two months premature in 1899 in southwestern Idaho, was deaf from birth. At age 10, he lived for five years in south-central Idaho at the Gooding School for the Deaf and Blind but was never able to speak or write. He returned to southwestern Idaho where he created thousands of artworks using various materials, including soot and his own spit. He died in 1977.

The 80-year-old Say, who lives in Portland, Oregon, in 1994 won the Caldecott Medal for what judges said was the best American picture book for children. A request for an interview from The AP sent through workers at a local bookstore where he does readings didn't get a response.

In an author's note to his book, he wrote that his first encounter with Castle's work gave him the same feeling as when he first viewed work by Vincent van Gogh, the famed Dutch painter.

Say's book on Castle is written from the perspective of Castle's fictional nephew. In the author's note, Say said he used soot and spit and other at-hand materials available to Castle to "emulate his unschooled style." The fictional biography includes Castle being bullied by classmates for being deaf and mute.

"In essence, Say created a version of Castle as a self-taught artist who was isolated by his disabilities and driven by his artistic passion, ultimately finding salvation in his art from a harsh world," Winmill wrote.

Winmill said Say's book met the fair use doctrine for limited use of copyrighted work without the owner's permission by adding something new, or "transformative," to the existing work.

"The story of James Castle celebrates his unique talents, his perseverance, and the power of art to provide a pathway to self-expression for the marginalized," Scholastic Inc. said in a statement posted on the company's website following the court ruling.

Rediscovered Books in Boise on Tuesday offered the book, which costs $21.99, for sale after the temporary restraining order had been denied.

"I think it's a beautiful book," said Laura DeLaney, co-owner. "It is a story that's important to tell to let people know about this incredible found-material artist."

A Children's Place Bookstore in Portland, Oregon, is Say's home bookstore and one of the few places he appears in public, said manager Kira Porton-Jones, who viewed parts of "Silent days, Silent Dreams" while it was still a work in progress.

In Loving Memory of

Jonathan Ike Masga Delos Reyes

Lovingly known as Jon or Tonton

Born: December 9, 1990 • Died: October 27, 2017

Pre-Deceased by:

Father: Gregorio S. Delos Reyes
Mother: Mary Elizabeth M. Masga
Brother: Jonathan Ike M. Delos Reyes
Grand Father: Ignacio C. Masga
Grand Mother: Susana M. Masga/Isabel S. Delos Reyes
Aunt: Marian DLR. Mendiola

Survived by:

Stepfather: Stephen Agyei Mensah
Sisters/Brothers & Spouses:
Sue Ellen M. Delos Reyes/Michael Fitipol & Children
Harland M. Delos Reyes/Ruzzel B. Agulto & daughter
Michael M./Sophie Delos Reyes & Children
Abdul Agyei-Mensah
Althea Agyei-Mensah
Godparents: Joaquin M. & Josepha C. Sablan
Aunties/Uncles: Cil M. & Hal Steinkopf & Children
Antonio M. Masga & Children
Oscar M. & Mary B. Masga & Children
Melvin M. & Lee Masga & Children
Diego M. & Tess Masga & Children
Maggie M. Masga & Children
Diana M. & Jose R. Sablan & Children
George M. Masga & Children

Florence DLR & Jesus Manibusan & Children
Thelma & †Pedro Toves
Albert & Janet Delos Reyes
Lillian & †Alvin Lorenzo
Lolita DLR. Baluyut
Michelle & Alex Velarta
Raymond Mendiola & Brenda Cabrera
Jovencia DLR Lacaden & Eddie Fernandez
Jaime & Sherry Lacaden
Janet Lacaden & Kani Gamboa

He will be greatly missed by his numerous uncles, aunties, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at San Antonio Church at 6:00pm.
Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Our Beloved †Jonathan will be escorted from Borja Funeral Homes at 7:30am to Mount Carmel Cathedral.
Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Services at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be at peaceful rest.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Please join us in prayers,

The Family

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Cynthia Nixon to host the National Book Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Cynthia Nixon's new role will be on the bookish side. The award-winning actress is hosting the National Book Awards ceremony, the National Book Foundation announced Tuesday. The Nov. 15 dinner event will be held in New York City. Competitive prizes will be given for fiction, nonfiction, poetry and young people's literature. Honorary prizes will be handed out to Annie Proulx (Proo) and Scholastic CEO Richard Robinson, with former President Bill Clinton and Oscar winner Anne Hathaway among the presenters. Previous hosts of the National Book Awards include Steve Martin, Andy Borowitz and Garrison Keillor.

Dakota Fanning says 'important' to speak up about assault

ROME (AP)—Actress Dakota Fanning has told reporters that although she hasn't experienced the sort of sexual assault that has turned Hollywood on its head, it's "important to talk about these issues, for women to stand up for themselves." Fanning, 23, spoke Tuesday at the Rome Film Festival, where she was presenting the film "Please Stand By." She plays a young autistic woman obsessed with the "Star Trek" series, who runs away from her home in San Francisco to get to Los Angeles to submit her manuscript for a "Star Trek" scriptwriting contest. Fanning said she shares her character's determination in achieving her goal, adding: "You have to fight for what you believe in and stay true to what you are."

Ontario actress plans to sue Weinstein, alleging sex assault

TORONTO (AP)—An Ontario actress wants to file a civil suit against Harvey Weinstein alleging the disgraced Hollywood producer sexually assaulted her nearly two decades ago, if she can proceed without her name being made public. Her proposed statement of claim released Tuesday alleges she was sexually assaulted by Weinstein while she had a part in a movie being filmed in and around Toronto. The actress says Weinstein overpowered her in a hotel suite, pushed her onto a bed and exposed himself and performed oral sex on her without her consent. The woman's lawyers will seek a judge's order keeping her name secret, saying she might not proceed if it is made public. She is seeking millions in damages, claiming mental distress.

Tomi Lahren's star spangled Halloween costume draws backlash

NEW YORK (AP) — Political commentator Tomi Lahren is getting some backlash for posting a photo of herself wearing a U.S. flag themed Halloween costume. The Instagram photo shows Lahren wearing a star spangled cape-like garment as part of an outfit that included a red tutu, a flag themed fanny pack and a top bearing President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" campaign slogan. Some accused the Fox News contributor of being disrespectful of the flag, including Trump administration critic Keith Olbermann, who claimed her costume was in violation of U.S. flag code. Donald Trump, Jr. shot back with a picture of Olbermann draped in a flag on the cover of his new book. Lahren countered that because her outfit wasn't made from a flag, there is no violation.

Gary Oldman to get career honor at Hollywood Film Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gary Oldman will be honored with a career achievement award at the Hollywood Film Awards on Sunday.

Dick Clark Productions, which produces the awards, made the announcement Tuesday.

The Oscar-nominated British actor has taken on numerous memorable roles in a nearly 40-year career, including a drug-dealing pimp in "True Romance" and Commissioner Gordon in Christopher Nolan's Batman films.

Oldman has generated Oscar buzz with his recent turn as British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour." The Hollywood Film Awards will be handed out Sunday night in Beverly Hills, California, in a ceremony hosted by CBS late-night host James Corden.

AP

In this Sept. 11, 2017, file photo, Gary Oldman attends a press conference for "Darkest Hour" on day 5 of the Toronto International Film Festival at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto.

Great British Bake Off blunder: Judge tweets winner's name

LONDON (AP)—A judge on the Great British Bake Off, a widely watched television cooking competition in the U.K., has been forced to apologize after revealing the winner hours before the final episode was scheduled to air.

Prue Leith posted the name of the winner on her Twitter feed while traveling in Bhutan, which is six hours ahead of Britain, thinking that fans had already seen the last installment.

Leith, 77, later tweeted: "I am so sorry to the fans of the show for my mistake this morning. I am in a different time zone and mortified by my error."

The Great British Bake Off has a strong hold on the U.K. public—last year, nine of the country's top ten TV programs were episodes of the series, with the finale being watched by nearly 16 million viewers. Contestants who win the Bake Off often become national celebrities, appearing on other TV shows and at charity events.

Channel 4 scored a coup earlier this year when it bought the rights to Bake Off. The program is such a hit that the fact the season finale landed on Halloween this year did not daunt TV executives.

Some Britons took to Twitter in anguish Tuesday over hearing the news of the winner before the show, with one commentator writing that Leith "nailed it" as a clown for Halloween.

The show aired Tuesday night in Britain and the title was won by baker Sophie Faldo.

Run Forrest! Gump impersonator jogs around California city

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Halloween started early in one Southern California city, where a man dressed as Forrest Gump has been running around neighborhoods and stopping to take pictures with residents.

Video and a photo from police show the man sporting a mangy fake beard, red shorts and a red "Bubba Gump" hat during his jogs around the city of Riverside. It's the same outfit worn by Tom Hanks in the 1994 Oscar-winning film "Forrest Gump." Hanks' character spends part of the movie running across the country.

The man identified himself to KABC-TV only as Forrest Gump. He added that "it doesn't really matter" who he is. He says his runs are "just something that took off and made the community happy, made people smile."

Christina Aguilera to perform Whitney Houston medley at AMAs

AP

In this May 28, 2016 file photo, Christina Aguilera performs during a concert at the annual Mawazine Music Festival in Rabat, Morocco. Aguilera will perform a medley of Whitney Houston songs at the American Music Awards on Nov. 19, 2017.

NEW YORK (AP)—Christiana Aguilera will perform a medley of the late Whitney Houston's hits at the American Music Awards next month to mark the 25th anniversary of Houston's film, "The Bodyguard."

Aguilera will perform songs from the film's soundtrack, which included one of Houston's signature numbers, a cover of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You."

Aguilera says in a statement that Houston was a personal idol and says her kindness to her as she was coming up in the business "will forever be cherished." Houston's estate says the singer thought Aguilera was "one of the best voices she enjoyed in this generation of music." Houston died at the age of 48 in 2012.

The AMAs will be handed out live on ABC on Nov. 19.

Rockefeller Center Christmas tree to come from Pennsylvania

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — A tree from Pennsylvania has been selected as Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree.

Rockefeller Center officials on Monday announced on their Twitter feed that they selected a Norway spruce from State College to be the 86th tree to adorn the plaza. Information on the tree's height and owner has not been released.

It will be cut down on Nov. 9 and arrive two days later in New York City, where it will be decorated with more than 50,000 lights and topped with a Swarovski star.

The tree will be illuminated on Nov. 29 and remain on display until Jan. 7.

Wife refuses to accept job as family's communicator

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a nice guy, but he's not particularly good at planning ahead. This means that special events, holidays and birthdays often go unmarked because he doesn't remember in time to get something sent.

In my parents' marriage, all family communications fell to my mom. It was her job to send the Christmas cards, birthday gifts for nieces and nephews and to remember her mother and her mother-in-law on Mother's Day. Our marriage is more egalitarian, and I don't want the job of communicator-in-chief.

My husband knows this and agrees that he should share some responsibility, but doesn't act on it, even after being reminded. I feel guilty when an important milestone in one of his parents' lives goes by and they receive no acknowledgement from our household. The source of my guilt is surely the nagging feeling that it's my job as the wife to make these connections and that I am judged when the things are not sent.

How do I let go of the guilt, or at least let my in-laws know I love them and their son is the one who is letting them down? I want absolution.

NO CALENDAR GIRL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO CALENDAR GIRL: Not everyone excels at every task. That's why there is division of labor in partnerships, including marriage. If you think you will look better after explaining to your in-laws that the reason they haven't heard from the two of you is their son didn't remember, you are dreaming. Because you are better at planning ahead, deal with the chore. I'm sure he does things for you that are a pain in the neck (and even below). In this day of automation, sending "something" to relatives is practically a no-brainer. And it certainly beats feeling guilty because your husband isn't up to it.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their late 60s and suffer from multiple lifestyle-related illnesses. Although they had every opportunity to make healthy changes, they chose not to. I live on the other side of the country, and I am busy with my career and family.

I love my parents and accept our relationship for what it is. However, I do not feel obligated to disrupt my life and upset my children to be with them as they die slow, painful deaths. If their illnesses were not directly related to their own poor choices, I might feel and behave differently toward them. Knowing it won't change their behavior, should I tell them why I won't be with them for what appears will be prolonged and terrible deaths?

SADDENED BY THEIR CHOICES

DEAR SADDENED: If your parents are as sick as you have indicated, they already feel terrible. I see nothing to be gained by adding emotional pain to their physical pain. Put aside your anger and find enough compassion to NOT say it unless asked directly.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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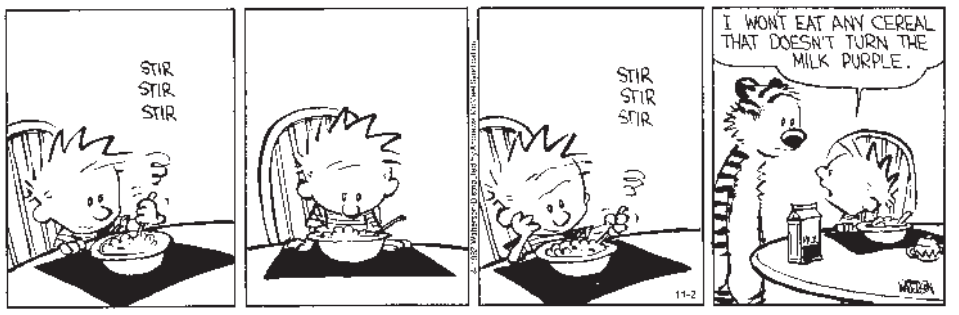
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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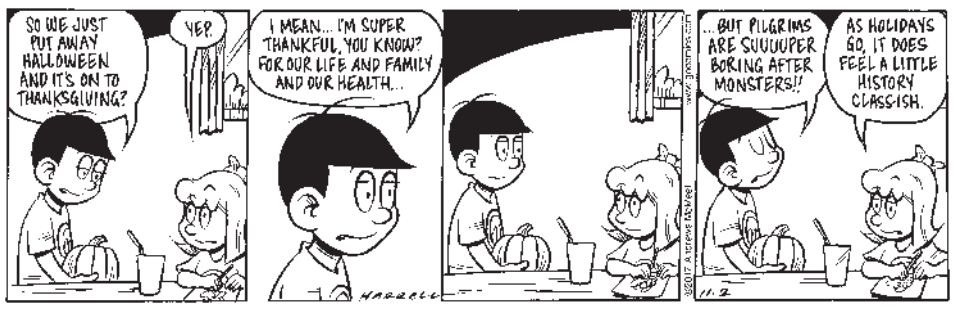
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AS HOLIDAYS GO, IT DOES FEEL A LITTLE HISTORY CLASSISH.
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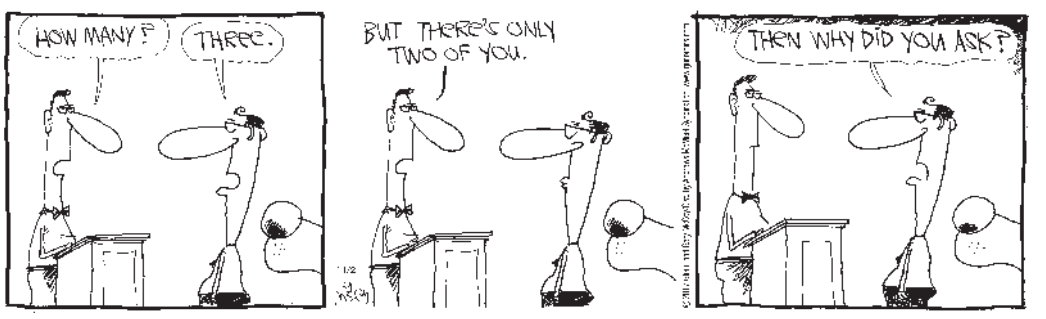
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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21 Harris or Asner
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37 Just one of those things?
38 Sweat outlets
40 "— Smith Goes to Washington"
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4 Long-eared hound
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6 Ms. Thurman
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9 Repercussion
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20 "— who?"
22 Bulldog features
23 Duel tool
24 — de deux
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26 Hasty and careless
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37 Ceasefires
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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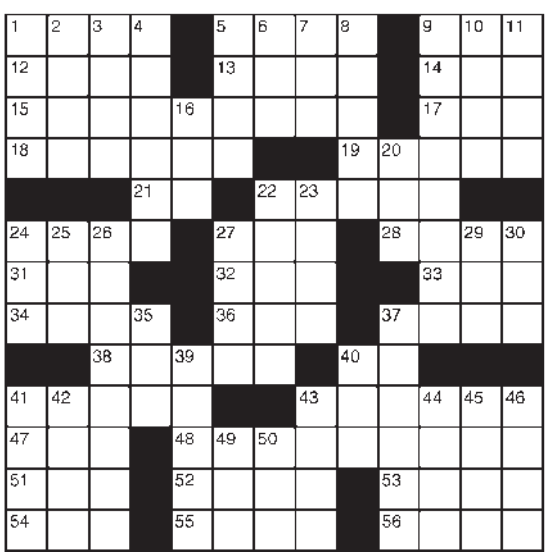

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Marisol Nichols, 44; David Schwimmer, 51; k.d. lang, 56; Stefanie Powers, 75.

Happy Birthday: Don't worry about the route you take to get the results you want. Whether you are trying to make personal changes in your life or just looking for unique ways to get ahead in your chosen field, focusing on finishing what you start and quickly moving on to the next project will help you turn this year into one of gratification. Your numbers are 4, 10, 23, 29, 35, 41, 49.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Relationships are featured. Whether it's a business partnership or a romantic, strive to make positive adjustments that will bring you closer together and stabilize your future. A commitment will make it easier to move forward. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Impulsive behavior will take over if you are too emotional or easily upset by someone competitive. Don't get riled up when you should be living up to your promises and what's expected of you. Taking on too much will be your downfall. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Determine what's required to reach your goal and take charge. A physical approach will show that you mean business. Take on a challenge with the intent to win. Love and romance are highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Control your emotions and the way you respond to others. Situations will escalate quickly if you are erratic or difficult to deal with. Overreacting or being indulgent will not help when dealing with children or someone you love. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A change will do you good. Apply for a new position or sign up to learn something that improves your current qualifications or gives you an edge over the competition. How you present yourself will make a difference. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Joint ventures are best handled with caution. Don't let emotions intervene or put you in an awkward position. Only contribute to someone else's plan if you really want to. Put your time, effort and money into your own ideas instead. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Partnerships are highlighted. Whether dealing with a business or personal relationship, changes can be made that will ensure you maintain equality moving forward. Treating yourself to something special will give you the incentive to strive for bigger goals. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Making a big deal out of a small matter will hold you back. Be open about your plans and be willing to make adjustments if it will encourage others to pitch in and help. Take care of financial, medical or bureaucratic concerns. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Take note of what everyone around you is up to. Being aware will help you pick the right course of action no matter what unfolds. A change regarding the way you conduct your personal life is favored. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Problems with relatives or friends will leave you in a quandary. Focus on what you can do to get ahead at work. Now is not the time to make decisions that will influence your personal life and slow you down professionally. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Make a motion to focus on your relationship with someone you love. The things you do will make a difference to the way you are received and what you get in return. Less talk and more action are favored. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Your best option is to put in the effort toward finding a better position or pumping up your reputation. Strive to advance, and don't make matters worse by letting your emotional concerns interfere with your productivity. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intense, forthright and unusual. You are sensitive and willful.

To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/02

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

HARRY DEAN STANTON (1926-2017) **Solution:** 12 letters

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Dodgers survive, force World Series to Game 7

AP
Los Angeles Dodgers' Joc Pederson hits a home run off Houston Astros relief pitcher Joe Musgrove during the seventh inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Joc Pederson sliced a drive over the left-field wall, pounded his chest and danced around the bases, taking as many twists and turns as this World Series itself.

Of course, the Los Angeles Dodgers forced the Houston Astros to Game 7.

Chris Taylor hit a tying double off Justin Verlander during a two-run rally in the sixth inning, Corey Seager followed with a go-ahead sacrifice fly and the Dodgers beat the Astros 3-1 on Tuesday night to push this dramatic Fall Classic to the ultimate game.

Pederson homered in the seventh against Joe Musgrove, connecting off the right-hander for the second time in three games and making it a record 24 long balls that have been hit in this Series. Pederson pranced all the way to the plate, pointing at the Dodgers' dugout and rubbing his thumbs and index fingers together to indicate what a money shot it was.

"You kind of black out in a situation like that. So I'm going to have to re-watch it to see what I did," Pederson said.

It was the third home run of the Series for Pederson, who was demoted to the minors from mid-August until early September, then left off the NL Division Series roster. He had hit just one previous big league opposite-field homer this season, and teammates offered to pay him to go the other way.

"People are trying to get me encouraged to using the whole field," he said. "I'm not very good at it."

Yu Darvish starts Wednesday for the Dodgers, trying to win their first title since 1988, and Los Angeles ace Clayton Kershaw will be ready in the bullpen after getting knocked out in the fifth inning of Game 5.

"I can give you 27 innings," Kershaw said. "I'll be ready to go, whatever they need."

Lance McCullers Jr. gets the ball for the Astros in the first World Series Game 7 ever at Dodger Stadium.

Darvish was chased in the second inning of Game 2, when McCullers pitched Houston to a 5-3 victory.

"You've got two teams with a bunch of dogs in the clubhouse. No one is afraid," McCullers said.

Two nights after a 13-12, 10-inning slugfest under the roof at Minute Maid Park, pitching dominated.

George Springer's third-inning home run against starter Rich Hill had given a 1-0 lead to Verlander and the Astros, trying for the first championship in their 56-season history. On Halloween night, a title for a team with orange in its colors seemed appropriate.

But it served only to set up the 10th blown lead of the Series, the fifth by Houston, as Verlander fell to 9-1 with the Astros.

Dodgers relievers combined for 4 1/3 scoreless innings. Brandon Morrow retired Alex Bregman on a grounder to strand the bases loaded in the fifth, winner Tony Watson got Marwin Gonzalez to fly out with two on and two outs in the sixth, and Kenta Maeda escaped two-on trouble in the seventh when third baseman Justin Turner gloved Jose Altuve's grounder and made a short-hop throw that first baseman Cody Bellinger scooped just in time.

After wasting a ninth-inning lead in Game 2 and losing Game 5, Kenley Jansen retired six straight batters (on 19 pitches) for the save and ended it by striking out 40-year-old pinch-hitter Carlos Beltran.

This will be the third World Series Game 7 in four years. The road team has won the last two after home teams had won every one since 1979.

Ten of the last 12 teams that won Game 6 to force a seventh game also won the title, but the Dodgers lost the previous six World Series in which they trailed 3-2. They have won just one of their six championships at home, in 1963.

A heat wave over and the skies overcast, the temperature dropped to 67 degrees at game time from 103 for last week's opener, and there was a slight drizzle in the middle innings.

Los Angelenos with a laid-back reputation were on their feet for two-strike counts against Astros batters, a wave in Pantone 294—also known as Dodger blue.

"We feed off the crowd, for sure," Taylor said. "We feel we have a huge home-field advantage."

Yuli Gurriel, who made a racist gesture toward Darvish in Game 3, was booed loudly during introductions and each time he batted, and Hill stepped off the rubber to allow the crowd extra time to jeer.

Verlander has 11 postseason wins but dropped to 0-4 in the Series with Detroit and Houston, which acquired him from the Tigers on Aug. 31 to win on nights like this. He allowed just one baserunner before Austin Barnes singled leading off the sixth.

McCullers steps into spotlight as Astros' starter in decider

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lance McCullers Jr. headed into Game 6 of the World Series not knowing whether he would be attempting to close out a championship on Tuesday night or starting Game 7 on Wednesday.

Several hours later, McCullers learned he will be on the mound for the biggest game in Astros history.

The right-hander with one victory since June will start the World Series decider, manager A.J. Hinch announced after Los Angeles forced the seventh game with a cool 3-1 victory in Game 6.

"I knew (starting Game 7) was a possibility coming into the series," McCullers said. "A.J. scheduled me for (Game 3) coming in for a reason. I think they have a lot of confidence in me. This series was destined to go seven pretty much the whole time. I think we have two great teams here. I just have to stick with my game plan and execute a little bit better than last time in certain spots, and just be a competitor out there."

McCullers won't be alone in Game 7: The entire Houston pitching staff will be available behind him, including Dallas Keuchel and possibly even Game 6 starter Justin Verlander.

"I think all of our guys are going to have the adrenaline on their side," Hinch said. "They're all going to be ready to pitch. How we use them, how much we use them—we'll get to the field. They'll do their throwing program. If it's one pitch or a hundred pitches, I think we're going to have to have all hands on deck."

But McCullers seems suited to handle the spotlight that has been thrust upon him by the Dodgers, who will counter with star Yu Darvish. McCullers has already been a resilient contributor to the Astros' remarkable season, and they need him one more time.

Jansen returns to form with 6-out save for Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kenley Jansen looked like his All-Star self.

The Dodgers closer got redemption by earning a six-out save Tuesday night, helping Los Angeles beat the Astros 3-1 to force a Game 7 in the World Series.

"I'm not trying to be a hero or anything, but there's no tomorrow," he said. "You've got to go out there and fight."

Jansen had a blown save and a loss earlier in the Series when he hardly resembled the NL's top reliever. He tied for the league lead with 41 saves and led the majors with a 97.6 save percentage. His 109 strikeouts ranked second in the NL among relievers.

"He's the best closer in baseball," starter Rich Hill said. "To see him coming out of the bullpen for the eighth, everybody was really excited."

Manager Dave Roberts had said before Game 6 that Jansen would probably only be used for three outs. Of course, Roberts also said he wanted Hill "to go as long as he can." Roberts yanked the left-hander after 4 2/3 innings.

Jansen stuck around.

He got three outs on seven pitches in the eighth, retiring Carlos Correa, Yuli Gurriel and Brian McCann, who struck out. Then he had a lengthy wait on the bench while the Dodgers sent five batters to the plate in the bottom of the eighth.

"When I called on him in the eighth, I wasn't certain," Roberts said. "I just knew that part of the order, I just wanted him to attack those guys. And if he wasn't as efficient in the eighth, then I would have been put in a difficult situation."

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw was stretching in the bullpen during the long half inning, but Roberts never called his number. Instead, the crowd of 54,128 stood and cheered as Jansen returned for the ninth. Marwin Gonzalez—who hit a tying homer off Jansen in Game 2—popped up to first base before Jansen struck out former Dodger Josh Reddick and pinch-hitter Carlos Beltran to end it

Star-laden Thunder cruise past Bucks, 110-91

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Russell Westbrook and the Oklahoma City Thunder were met with little resistance as they kept attacking the lane.

When the reigning NBA MVP didn't take it to the hoop himself, he found Steven Adams in the paint for an easy bucket. Other times, Paul George got his hands on the ball for a 3.

Too many options for the Oklahoma City, and not nearly enough defense for the Milwaukee Bucks in the Thunder's 110-91 win on Tuesday night.

"Russ, Russ pushes the tempo," George said. "Nobody can push him from the paint, and we're getting wide open looks."

George scored 20 points, hitting 4 of 8 from 3-point range. Westbrook had 12 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, while Carmelo Anthony scored eight of his 17 points in the pivotal first quarter.

Oklahoma City went from down four to a 20-8 lead on George's jumper with 4:16 left in the first. It was essentially over from there, especially with the way Westbrook kept finding driving lanes.

"We really moved the ball well and we generated high-quality shots," coach Billy Donovan said. "We got a little bit lax and had a couple of possessions we needed to clean up but I thought for the most part the guys did a good job of attacking their defense."

Adams finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Jerami Grant added 17 points off the bench for the Thunder.

Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo had 28 points on 9-of-14 shooting. But the NBA's scoring leader spent much of the first quarter on the bench with two fouls, and the Bucks struggled from the 3-point line, opening 1 of 14.

No other Buck scored in double figures.

The star-laden Thunder taught a lesson to the up-and-coming Bucks, who hope to contend in the Eastern Conference.

"When we play the grown-ups, we've got to be ready, and we weren't," Bucks coach Jason Kidd said. "They played the grown-ups tonight."

Pacers 101, Kings 83

In Indianapolis, Bojan Bogdanovic scored 17 points to lead a balanced Indiana offense and help the Pacers to a rout of the Kings.

The Pacers (4-3) scored the first nine points and built a 55-30 lead at the half.

Indiana second-year forward Domantas Sabonis, coming off a personal-best 22 points and 12 rebounds on Sunday, had a double-double in the first half with 10 points and 12 rebounds. He finished with a career-high 16 rebounds in addition to 12 points and five assists.

Rookie guard De'Aaron Fox led the Kings (1-6) off the bench with 18 points.

Suns 122, Nets 114

In New York, Devin Booker scored 32 points, Mike James added 24 and the Suns rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Nets.

T.J. Warren scored 14 of his 20 points during the final period for the Suns, who squandered an 18-point lead in the third quarter when Brooklyn went on a 17-0 run. Phoenix seemed out of it after Ronda Hollis-Jefferson's basket gave Brooklyn a 106-98 lead with 6:35 left in the fourth.

But the Suns, who lost a tough one at Portland on Saturday, quickly answered with a 24-8 run for their first win on their five-game road trip.

D'Angelo Russell scored 33 points and Hollis-Jefferson had 21 for the Nets, who've lost three straight after beating the Cleveland Cavaliers last Wednesday at home.

Warren and James combined on a 7-0 run that closed the lead to 106-101 with 6:15, forcing the Nets to call a timeout.

After a miss by the Nets, Warren tipped in Booker's failed layup to initiate a 9-0 run capped by Dragan Bender's 3-pointer that gave the Suns a 116-108 lead with 2:03 left in the game.

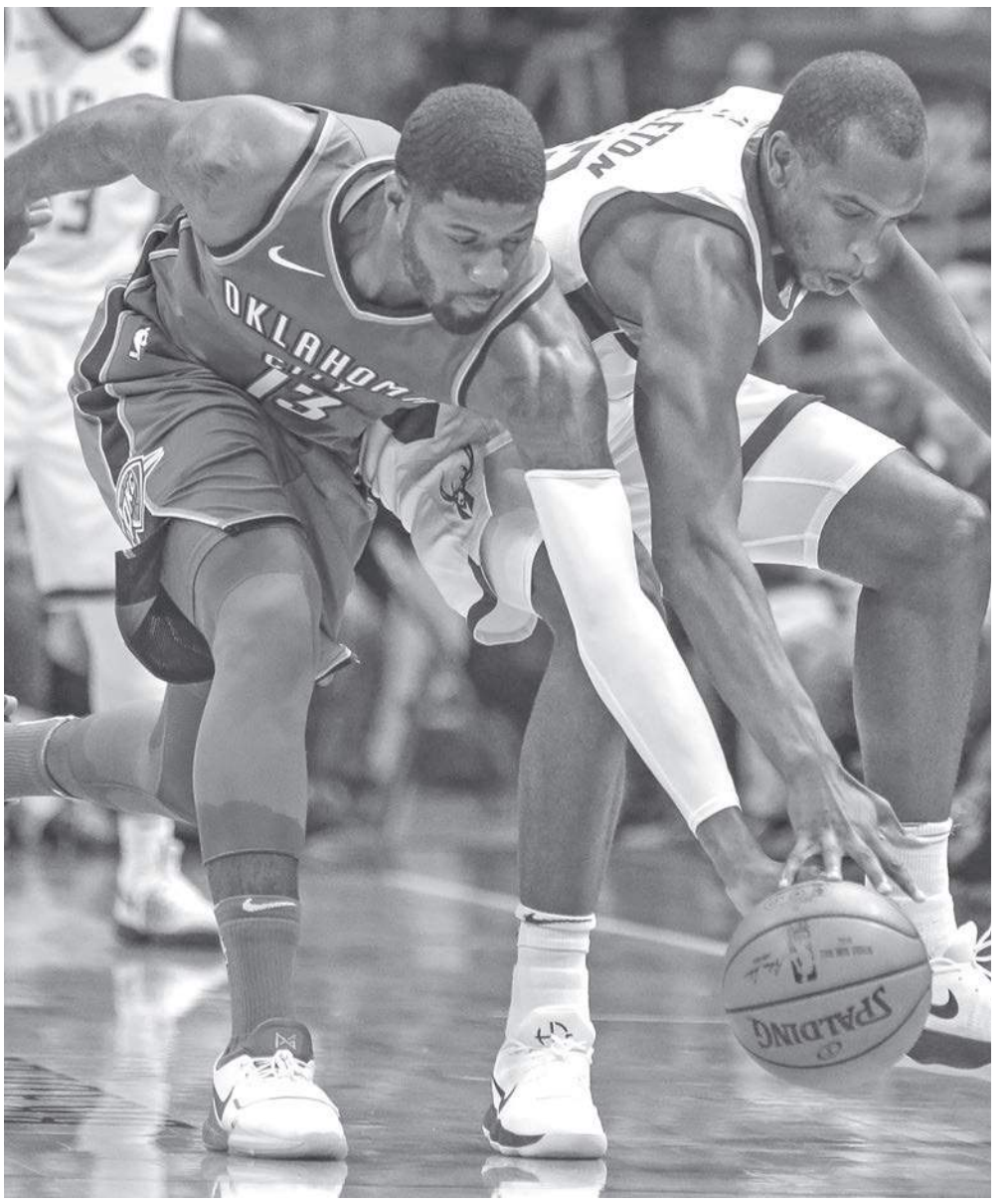
Lakers 113, Pistons 93

In Los Angeles, Julius Randle scored 17 points, Lonzo Ball added 13 and the Lakers beat the Pistons.

Larry Nance Jr. had 14 points and 12 rebounds for his third double-double for the Lakers, who had lost the previous three games against the Pistons. Brandon Ingram and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope each had 13 points.

Tobias Harris and Reggie Jackson each had 18 points for the Pistons, who were unable to sweep their three-game California road trip. Andre Drummond had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Pistons head coach Stan Van Gundy was unsure about how his team might handle the adulation associated with a surprising 5-2 start, and those concerns proved to be well-founded as the Lakers took a 58-45 halftime lead when Brook Lopez hit a 3-pointer as the buzzer expired.



AP

Milwaukee Bucks' Khris Middleton, right, has the ball stolen by Oklahoma City Thunder's Paul George during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, in Milwaukee.

Franch among players called into US camp

CHICAGO (AP)—Goalkeeper Adrianna Franch was among 23 players named to the U.S. women's roster for a pair of exhibition matches against Canada.

Franch was named Goalkeeper of the Year for the National Women's Soccer League after she helped lead the Portland Thorns to the league title. She was last called into training camp in January.

Thorns teammate Tobin Heath returned to the roster after sitting out a pair of games against South Korea. Heath hurt her ankle in the NWSL championship match against the North Carolina Courage.

Courage defender Taylor Smith, who injured her shoulder in the league title match, also returned to the U.S. roster after missing the past two games.

Defender Chioma Ubogagu of the Orlando Pride was called up for the first time.

The United States faces Canada at BC Place in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Nov. 9, before the teams meet again on Nov. 12 in San Jose, California.

Canada, which won the bronze medal at the 2016 Olympics, is ranked fifth in the world. The U.S. team is ranked No. 1.

The two matches are the last for the United States this year. Next year the team will prepare for qualifying to defend its title at the 2019 World Cup.

NFL's deadline features some big trades for a change

NEW YORK (AP)—The NFL trade deadline finally featured some big-name buzz.

The winless San Francisco 49ers acquired New England backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo , and the NFL-leading Philadelphia Eagles bolstered their running attack Tuesday by adding Jay Ajayi from Miami.

The Buffalo Bills, who at 5-2 are off to their best start since 1993, upgraded their receiving group by acquiring Kelvin Benjamin from the Panthers for their third and seventh round picks in next year's draft.

The trades came a day after the Seattle Seahawks agreed to send cornerback Jeremy Lane and two draft picks to Houston for left tackle Duane Brown .

Midseason trades rarely bring much excitement or shake up the playoff races. Most years the NFL trade deadline comes and goes without much happening.

In each of the past two years, the biggest name bandied about was 10-time Pro Bowler Joe Thomas, but he never left Cleveland for a contender. It wasn't even a possibility this season after the star left tackle tore his left triceps Oct. 16, an injury that required season-ending surgery and ended his consecutive plays streak at 10,363.

The Niners agreed to send a 2018 second-round pick to the Patriots in the deal that will be official once Garoppolo passes a physical.

San Francisco (0-8) had been expected to either draft a quarterback high in the first round next year or try to acquire a proven starter such as Kirk Cousins in free agency.

Instead, coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch decided to strike early and put the fate of their franchise in the hands in a quarterback who has started just two games in four NFL seasons.

Garoppolo, a second-round pick in 2014, is in the final year of his contract. By acquiring him now, San Francisco gets a head start on negotiating a long-term deal to keep him or can use the franchise tag on him in free agency.

Garoppolo won two starts in place of a suspended Tom Brady at the start of the 2016 season. He completed 42 of 59 passes for 496 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions. He got hurt in the second quarter of his second start and has thrown just four passes since then.

The Eagles sent a 2018 fourth-round pick to the Dolphins for Ajayi, who has 465 yards rushing and is averaging 3.4 yards per carry with no touchdowns. He went to the Pro Bowl last season after running for 1,272 yards, including three 200-yard games.

Dolphins coach Adam Gase signaled his displeasure with Ajayi last week after Miami was routed 40-0 at Baltimore, noting missed blocking assignments in pass protection.

LeGarrette Blount leads Philadelphia with 467 yards rushing and is averaging 4.7 yards a carry with two touchdowns.

The Eagles (7-1) have the fifth-ranked run offense and have won six straight games heading into Sunday's game against Denver (3-4), which has lost four of five.

Benjamin immediately becomes the Bills leading receiver with 32 catches for 475 yards and two touchdowns this season. Overall, he's scored 18 touchdowns in 40 games, and the 6-foot-5, 245-pound Benjamin provides quarterback Tyrod Taylor a big target, particularly in the red zone.

It's the fourth significant trade by Buffalo since August, when the Bills dealt starting receiver Sammy Watkins to the Los Angeles Rams and starting cornerback Ronald Darby to Philadelphia. On Friday, Buffalo traded its highest-paid player, defensive tackle Marcell Dareus, to Jacksonville.

Also, the 49ers sent cornerback Rashard Robinson to the New York Jets for a 2018 late-round draft pick.

It was unclear if Robinson would be available for the Jets' game Thursday night against Buffalo. He provides depth—and a potential starter—for New York. Morris Claiborne is dealing with a sore foot and Buster Skrine is in the league's concussion protocol.

Spigen crushes Gold Ballers; Team Sawi wins

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Spigen hammered the Gold Ballers, 120-79, during the nightcap in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Spigen showed too much firepower on offense to rout the Gold Ballers and get its fourth win in eight games. The Gold Ballers absorbed its fifth loss and so far has only two wins in the league.

Three Spigen players scored 20-plus points, two others also hit double figures, while two more combined for 16. Dick Tibayan had a breakout game for Spigen, as he sizzled for 28 points and knocked down six triples. Bruce Berline chipped in 24, while Mike Umali contributed 22. Ferdie Tobias and Lerio Pagarao registered 14 markers apiece, while Gerald Aniciete and Isagani Cortez logged 8 each to complete Spigen's dominance of the Gold Ballers.

With Spigen on target, it built an early double-digit lead at the end of the first quarter, 29-16, and blew the game wide open in the second, 64-35. The Gold Ballers never made an attempt to cut the deficit to a decent number, as it did not have enough manpower to match up with Spigen's scorers. The Gold Ballers had only six players available for the weekend match.

Meanwhile, in the curtain-raiser last Sunday, Team Sawi continued to climb up the ladder following an 82-79 upset over Tropang Ridhors.

Team Sawi now has won four of its last five games since a 0-2 start to move at the top half of the team standings.

As usual, Team Sawi got solid games from Errol Peredo and Brendon Talania to beat Ridhors. Peredo had a team-high 26 points, while not far behind was Talania with his 25 markers. Talania drilled 13 of his total points in the fourth canto, while Peredo delivered in the first three periods to help Team Sawi keep pace with Tropang Ridhors (7-3).

First Game

Team Sawi 82 — Peredo 26, Talania 25, Concepcion 12, Jeralde 10, Directo 8, Galulu 4.

Tropang Ridhors 79 — Viray 32, Morales 13, Guiab 13, Yoshisawa 11, De Jesus 3, Fernandez 3, Surima 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-18, 40-41, 55-57, 82-79.

Third Game

Spigen 120 — Tibayan 28, Berline 24, Umali 22, Tobias 14, Pagarao 14, Aniciete 8, Cortes 8.

Gold Ballers 79 — Velasco 25, Cortes 24, Conti 12, Alano 9, Leomo 2, Manabat 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-16, 64-35, 92-53, 126-78.

Chow Time Parakeyu, 3 others crowned champs

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the 6JMS Bandits enjoy a light moment after winning the Thursday Fanihi B division Bud Light Cup title in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association League.

The Saipan Electronic Darts Association crowned its last batch of division winners in the Bud Light Cup tournament as championship matches wrapped up last week in separate venues.

The Chow Time Lupeyt Boyz ruled the Tuesday B division to lead the final set of winners in the season-ending tournament. The 6JMS Scorpions topped the Chichirika C group, while the Parakeyu earned the Kingfisher C crown, and the 6JMS Bandits got the Thursday Fanihi B title.

The Lupeyt Boyz scored an 8-3 win over the 6JMS Chamberos in the finals. Up 5-3, the Lupeyt Boyz wrapped up the match by winning the last three singles games. Gams Gille, Bobby Deleon, and Larry Achas dispatched Allan Delica, Joker Camacho, and George Medina, respectively, to seal the Lupeyt Boyz's victory.

The Lupeyt Boyz also defeated the 6JMS Xecutionerz and the Chow Time L.O.L. on their way to the division title, while the Chamberos beat the VFW Warriors to earn a finals spot.

The Scorpions, meanwhile completed an 8-5 decision over the Tasha's Flukers in the Chichirika C division. The Scorpions' other wins were against the VFW Bull-It, 8-5, while the Flukers had to get past the 9 Eleven Destroyer Knights, 8-6, and the Safehouse Bulls Hitters, 8-7, to move into the finals. The Destroyer Knights beat the Nipa Hut Shot, 8-3, to earn the right of facing the Flukers in the semifinals.

In the Kingfisher C class, the Parakeyu escaped with an 8-6 victory against the 6JMS B-SEA Sunsports.

Parakeyu also edged the Naked Fish Re-Darts, 8-7, and the 6JMS Hit'em Up, 8-3, to enter the title match, while the Sunsports had only one match and they squeezed out an 8-7 win over the 6JMS Dart Vaders.

The 6JMS Bandits were the last to be crowned Bud Light champions, winning the Thursday Fanihi B division against the 6JMS Proofers, 8-5. The Proofers scored wins over the 9 Elevent Strikers II, 8-3, and the 6JMS Shaka, 8-3, to enter the title match against the Bandits, an 8-5 conqueror of the Franken Brau Dart Crafters.

REPAIRS

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up to the selection of the contractors. FEMA coursed the money to PAO with the help of Patrick Guerrero and Reina Saures, who are working closely with Rogolifoi on the planned improvements at the sports complex.

Rogolifoi said the repairs would start soon since PAO had already wrapped up the 45-day period set for the bidding process.

"It is just a matter of securing the paperwork and other documentation needed for the projects to proceed. We're confident that everything will be done right on time before we host several events," said Rogolifoi.

First up for Saipan is the 2018 Micronesian Athletics Championships set from June 14 to 16 and the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

Rogolifoi said they would inform the public about the closure of the facilities and the suspension of activities once the repairs begin. "We're going to give the public ample time."

He added that NMSA is also working on other projects, including the replacement of the chain-link fence around the track oval and the hammer throw cage. Rogolifoi noted that Saipan's unpredictable weather has contributed to the delay of the repair works at the centerfield of the track oval.

"They're done with the tilling, but the problem now is laying down the new grass. The field must be dry before the new grass is laid out. It has been raining the past few weeks and that caused the delay," Rogolifoi added.

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Agriculture and Laolao Bay Golf & Resort are helping NMSA improve the centerfield. The improvement is being done to make the field more playable and safer for soccer, football, and rugby games.

Other projects lined up at the sports complex are installation of a net at the fence near Beach Road, new lights, and stands at the Miguel B. Pangelinan Softball Field and Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field, and extension of the grandstand at the track oval.

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three-day meet, while Hong Kong has the Chinese International School. Completing the list of teams are China's Concordia International School, Lucy Water World, Shanghai International Swim Club, Western Academy of Beijing, and Wellington College International Shanghai, Japan's Yokosuka Seahawks and Okinawa Dolphins, and Singapore's Suzhou Singapore International Schools.

The meet has age group competitions in U8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12, 13 to 14, and 15 and over divisions and each swimmer can enter a maximum of five individual events and two relays. SSC members' events have yet to be announced at press time, however they are expected to join in all four sessions of the tournament.

Session 1 of the meet will take place this Friday and will have three events—mixed 11 and over's 400m freestyle, mixed U10's 200m individual medley, and the mixed 11 and over's 200m backstroke. For Session 2 this Saturday morning, the events are 100m butterfly, 100m IM, 50m and 100m freestyle, 100m and 200m breaststroke, and 50m and 100m backstroke. In the afternoon, Session 3 will have the 50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly, 4x25m freestyle relay (U8), the 4x50m freestyle relay for the remaining age groups, 100m butterfly, 100, backstroke, and 200m freestyle. In the last session this Sunday, swimmers will race in the 100m freestyle, 200m and 100m IM, 100m breaststroke, 4x25m medley relay (U8), and the 4x50m medley relay for the remaining divisions.

The Top 3 swimmers (total points scored) in each age group will be awarded trophies, while the Top 3 in each event will get medals. The Top 3 visiting teams will get championship trophies.

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in the long distance. Napu's girls and boys paddlers then combined in the mixed division and took the runner-up honors in all three events.

Daydra Hocog, Isa Ito, Catherine Calma, Dayna Macaranas, Mayah Duenas;, Dahlian Salas, Poima Tarkong, and Leisha Deleon Guerrero suited up for Napu's junior girls team and they defeated Guam's BKC Junior Girls in the four-mile long distance course. The visiting paddlers clocked in at 19:29 against BKC's 20:07.2.

In the junior boys division, Napu was represented by You Jin Jun, Oldie Roligat, Nate Nogis, Paul Heo, Joe Nekaifes, Darian Salas, Steven Goodwin, and Abbas Shakir. The crew clocked in at 18:03 to complete the podium with champion Haggan (17:09) and GT JR Shock (17:20).

For the mixed division's long distance course, Sablan, Calma, Shakir, Goodwin, Duenas, Ito, and Poima Tarkong wrapped up the two-mile race in 18:56.2 to beat Fanihen Tasi (20:01) and placed second behind Haggan (17:49).

In the junior boys 1,000m finals, Napu submitted 5:56.7 to prevail against Haggan (5:59.4), GT Shock (6:02.4) and GT Lock (6:21.5). In the girls division, Napu paddlers were the runaway winners after logging 6:44.8 against BKC's 7:03.1, while in the mixed event, the club had the second best time of 6:13.9, downing Fanihen (6:46.9) and behind Haggan (6:10.1)

Napu's junior girls team also had a convincing win in the 500m finals after completing the sprint in 3:10.5 against the 3:16.7 of BKC. In the junior boys, Napu had a close fight against Haggan with the latter registering 2:46.9 against the former's 2:47.3. GT Shock and GT Lock timed in at 2:47.9 and 2:56.4, respectively. In the mixed event, Napu posted 2:59.0 to beat Fanihen (3:08.5) and BKC (3:15.3) and place second behind Haggan (2:55.3).

"We are extremely proud of our junior team's performance in the Micro Cup 2017. They have been training very hard, enduring daily practices for months leading to Micro Cup. Our junior team garnered the most medals for the CNMI," Napu president Ponce Rasa said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

"We look forward to recruiting more kids to join Napu's junior program heading into to 2018. We are certainly looking forward to promoting the sport of outrigger canoe here on our island," he added while making special mention of the groups and individuals who supported their Micro Cup campaign and their program since Day 1.

With the club's youth paddlers' success, Ponce believed Napu's junior squad should be nominated and voted as "Team of the Month" (for October) in the upcoming Northern Marianas Sports Association's selection. NMSA will have its monthly meeting on Nov. 9 to choose the Student Athletes of the Month, Male and Female Athletes of the Month, and Team of the Month awardees.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	2	.714	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	½
New York	3	3	.500	1½
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	2
Brooklyn	3	5	.375	2½

Southeast Division

Orlando	5	2	.714	—
Washington	4	2	.667	½
Charlotte	4	3	.571	1
Miami	2	4	.333	2½
Atlanta	1	6	.143	4

Central Division

Detroit	5	3	.625	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	½
Indiana	4	3	.571	½
Cleveland	3	4	.429	1½
Chicago	1	4	.200	2½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Memphis	5	2	.714	—
Houston	5	3	.625	½
San Antonio	4	3	.571	1
New Orleans	3	4	.429	2
Dallas	1	7	.125	4½

Northwest Division

Minnesota	4	3	.571	—
Utah	4	3	.571	—
Portland	4	3	.571	—
Oklahoma City	4	3	.571	—
Denver	3	4	.429	1

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	—
Golden State	5	3	.625	—
L.A. Lakers	3	4	.429	1½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	1½
Sacramento	1	6	.143	3½

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Marianas International Cup Awards Ceremony

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Marketing and Public Affairs director David Largent, left, awards the sponsors tournament third place trophy to Prescil Azarcon during last Sunday's banquet for the Marianas International Cup 2017 at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's The Grill.

Eventual overall champion Changfeng Liu, right, receives his closest to the pin award (No. 6 at Kingfisher Golf Links).

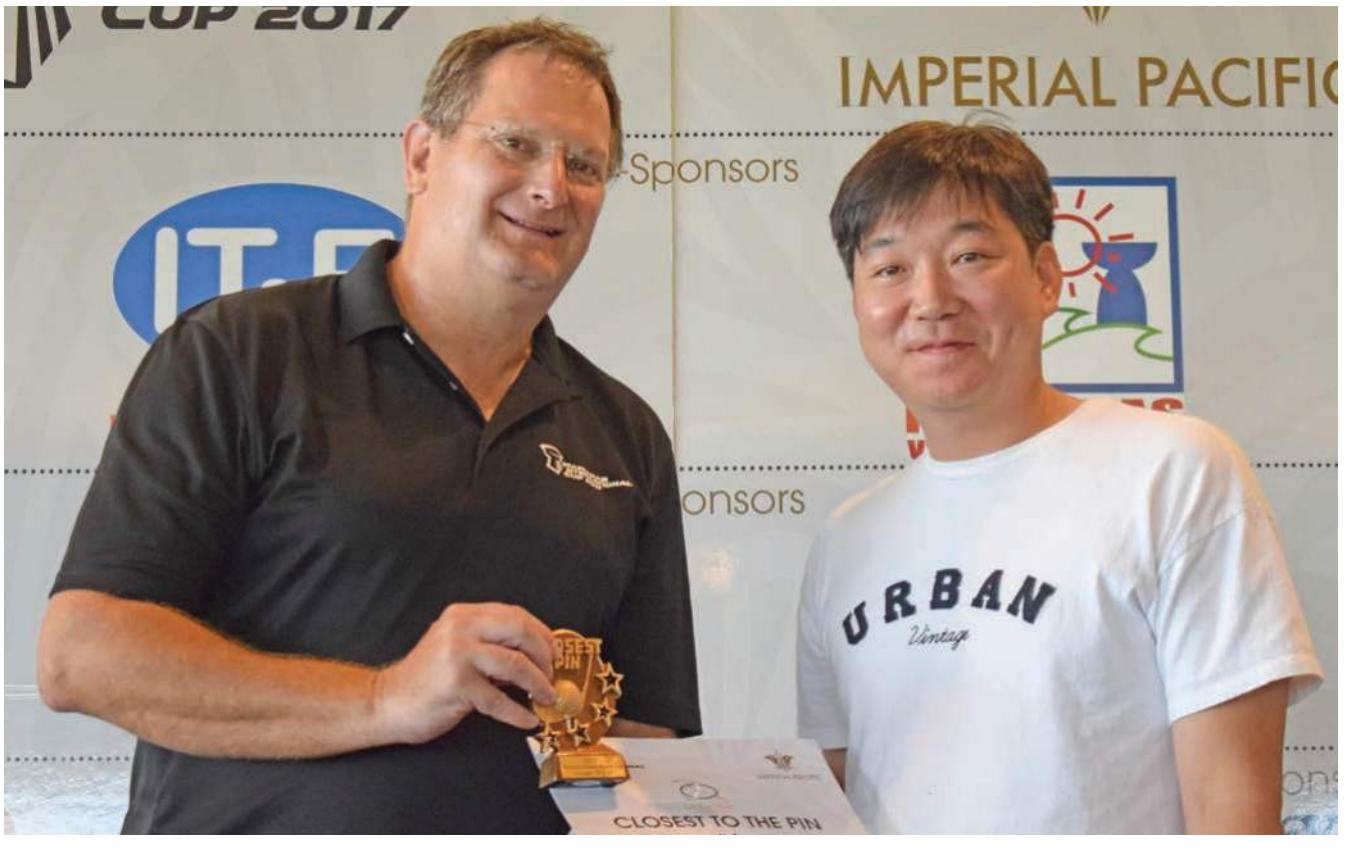
Department of Lands and Natural Resources secretary Anthony Benavente, right, is the inaugural champion of the Marianas International Cup's sponsor's tournament.

Yong Joo Kim, right, is the runner-up in the sponsor's tournament held at Laolao Bay's west course.

Jong Bong Wong, right, of South Korea shows the closest to the pin honors (at Laolao's No. 4) he received.

Kiyoko Okayasu of Japan gets the closest to the pin award at Kingfisher's No. 12.

Japan's Sakumi Seiichi, right, celebrates after getting the longest drive prize at Kingfisher.



South Korea's Myung Keun Jung is the closest to the pin winner at Laolao's No. 6.

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Star-laden Thunder cruise past Bucks

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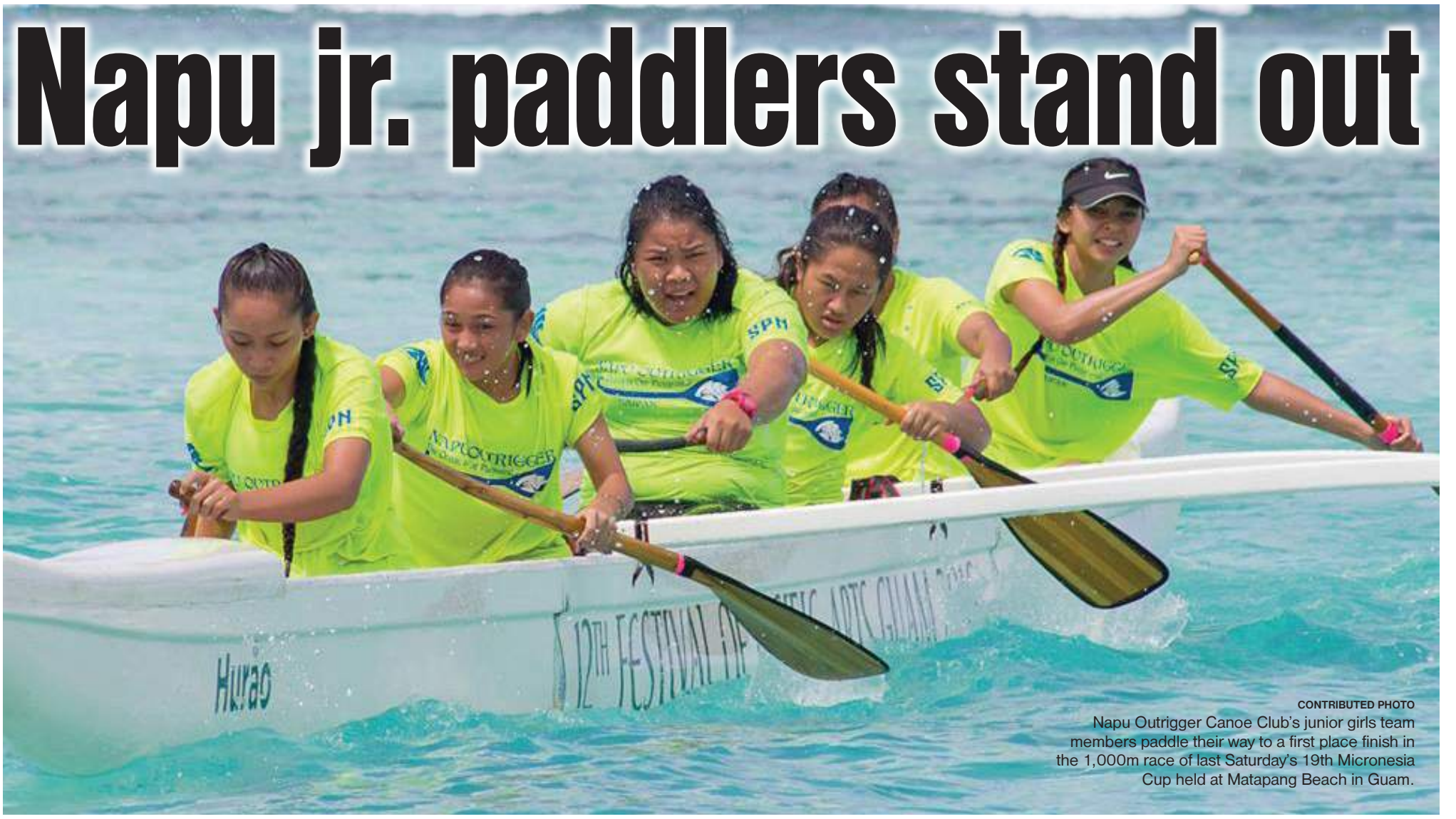
Napu jr. paddlers stand out



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Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's junior girls team members paddle their way to a first place finish in the 1,000m race of last Saturday's 19th Micronesia Cup held at Matapang Beach in Guam.

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Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's youth paddlers pick up where they left off, winning nine medals in the 19th Micronesia Cup held over the weekend at Matapang Beach in Guam.

Napu's junior team, which ruled its division in last year's Micro Cup that took place in Palau, still stood out in the Guam-hosted tournament, bringing home four gold medals, four silvers, and a bronze—the most by any Saipan squad that participated in the weekend races. The club's junior girls team (Unit 1) swept the 500m, 1,000m, and long distance races, while the junior boys crew topped the 1,000m event, placed second in the 500m, and finished third

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SSC swimmers off to Taiwan meet

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Eight Saipan Swim Club members left for Taiwan yesterday morning to compete in the 2017 TAS Tigersharks Invitational Swim this weekend.

Siblings Kento and Taiyo Akimaru, brothers Lennosuke and Jinnosuke Suzuki, David Boyer, Sophia Gauran, Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, and Jinju Thompson will debut in the short course meet (25m) organized by Taipei American School. SSC head coach Jacoby Winkfield accompanied the eight-member squad to the Nov. 3 to 5 competition that will take place at the Ira B. Weislow Aquatics Center at Taipei City.

In Taiwan, SSC members will be racing against swimmers from the hosts, Japan, Singapore, China, and Hong Kong. Besides TAS, Morrison Academy is the other group representing Taipei in the

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Saipan Swim Club coach Jacoby Winkfield, second row left, and his swimmers pose for a photo at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday morning before they head to Taiwan for a tournament this weekend.

Repairs at Oleai to finish on time

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Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi is confident all repairs and other improvements planned at the Oleai Sports Complex would finish on time despite some delays due to the unpredictable weather.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided $505,220 in public assistance funds to cover the cost of renovating the facilities at the sports complex that was damaged when Typhoon Soudelor barreled through Saipan more than two years ago. A total of $40,000 had already been spent for minor repairs, like the leaking roof at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Public Assistance Office, under the Office of the Governor, is handling the paperwork for the projects, beginning with the bidding

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JON PEREZ
The grandstand at the Oleai Sports Complex needs a fresh coat of paint and repairs as water seeps through the roof. The Northern Marianas Sports Association is also planning to expand the grandstand in time for Saipan's hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.